BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

JEFF CHORMAN, CHAIRMAN KEVIN E. CARSON JOHN WILLIAMSON JOHN T. HASTINGS JORDAN WARFEL





AGENDA

May 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes for March 18, 2024

Approval of the Findings of Fact for March 18, 2024

Old Business

Case No. 12932 – Scott and Sue Henry

seek variances from the front and rear yard setback requirement for existing structures (Section 115-34 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located North of Chippiwa Drive and South of Creek Road within the Blackwater Village Subdivision. 911 Address: 34011 Chippiwa Drive, Dagsboro. Zoning District: MR. Tax Parcels: 134-11.00-396.00

Public Hearings

Case No. 12936 – Sea Air Village

seeks variances from the side yard setback and separation distance requirements for proposed structures (Section 115-25 and 115-172 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located Northwest of Atlantic Avenue and Northeast of Skyview Street within the Sea Air Village Manufactured Home Park, Lot 48. 911 Address: 19980 Atlantic Avenue, Rehoboth Beach. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcels: 334-13.00-310.00-3144 Lot E-48

Case No. 12938 – Sea Air Village

seeks variances from the separation distance requirements for proposed structures (Section 115-172 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located South of Golden Avenue and Southwest of Skyview Street within the Sea Air Village Manufactured Home Park, Lot L-61. 911 Address: 20011 Golden Avenue, Rehoboth Beach. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcels: 334-13.00-310.00-13072 Lot L-61

Case No. 12937 - David Smith and Kenneth Williams Jr.

seek variances from the separation distance requirements for a proposed structure (Section 115-172 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located Northwest of Atlantic Avenue and Northeast of Parkerview Road within the Sea Air Village Manufactured Home Park, Lot 13. 911 Address: 19905 Atlantic Avenue, Rehoboth Beach. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcels: 334-13.00-310.00-3156 Lot F-13

Case No. 12939 – Heather Osborne and Kevin Clear

seek a special use exception for a commercial dog kennel (Section 115-23 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located Southwest of Daisey Road. 911 Address: 34582 Daisey Road, Frankford. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel: 533-6.00-125.00

Case No. 12940 – William and Vicki Abel

seek a variance from the side yard setback requirements for a proposed structure (Section 115-25 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located Southeast of White Oak Road within the Dogwood Acres Subdivision. 911 Address: 30852 White Oak Road, Dagsboro. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcels: 134-6.00-43.00

Case No. 12944 – Coastline Properties, LLC

seeks a special use exception for parking and loading requirements and variances from the off-street parking requirements, the front, side and rear setback requirements, and the landscape buffer requirements in the Combined Highway Overlay Zone (CHCOZ) for proposed structures (Section 115-80, 115-162, 115-82 and 115-194.1 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located East of Tulip Drive, North of Coastal Highway and West of Savannah Road. 911 Address: 97 Tulip Drive, Lewes. Zoning District: C-1. Tax Parcels: 335-11.00-93.00

Additional Business

-MEETING DETAILS-

In accordance with 29 <u>Del. C.</u> §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on May 13, 2024. at 4:30 p.m. and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda was prepared by the Director of Planning and Zoning and is subject to change to include the additional or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.

Agenda items may be considered out of sequence.

The meeting will be streamed live at https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast

The Board of Adjustment meeting materials, including the "packet" are electronically accessible on the County's website at: https://sussexcountyde.gov/.

If any member of the public would like to submit comments electronically, these may be sent to <u>pandz@sussexcountyde.gov</u>. All comments are encouraged to be submitted by 4:30 P.M. on May 16, 2024.

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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax Case # 12932
Hearing Date <u>5 - (6 - 2024</u>
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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	SUSSEX COUNTY
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	PLANNING & ZONING Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 34011 Chippiwa Dr. Dagshoro Novariance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: An 81x 81 Front Porch that is over	
Tax Map #: 1-34-11.00-396.00	Property Zoning: MR
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: Sent & Sue Henry Applicant Address: 34011 Chipping Dr. City Masharu State NE Zip: 1 Applicant Phone #: 443-523-4151 Applicant e-m	9939 ail: <u>Salondibella@yahoo.Com</u>
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Scott & Sue Henry Owner Address: 34011 Chiapiwa Dr. City (Jagshor) State De Zip: 19 Owner Prione #: 443-523-4151 Owner e-mail:	
Agent/Attorney Information	•
Agent/Attorney Name: Agent/Attorney Address: City State Zip: Agent/Attorney Phone #: Agent/Attorney	ey e-mail:
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
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EGUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located. the house sits on a corner lot

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2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

it was an existing house on the property when we purchased it in 2015

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

We received the building permit after it was reviewed by Sussey Co.

Andineers. If we knew the porch was going to encroach on the

Setback-We would have modified the plans.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

The front porch conforms with the other houses in the neighborhout. It also enhances the look of our home & has improved the total home to make it more astically pleasing & enhanced the neighborhout

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

Letter attached

When we went to the courthouse to apply for the building permit, we came prepared with a sketch of the proposed front porch along with the survey of the property, our contractor's license & information. All she asked for was the sketch & a check for the permit application for \$130.00.

We received the permit a few weeks later with 3 inspections required throughout the process & nothing regarding the setback.

All inspections were done & when it came to the final, it did not pass because of the bottom step of the porch being too deep by 2.5 inches. Instead of tearing the steps apart, we spent an additional \$2,000 to raise the cement walkway to meet the specifications of the step height.

We requested another final inspection after the sidewalk was finished. The inspector came out on 12/22/23 & it passed at that time.

On the same day, another inspector came out & told us the porch was encroaching into the front setback by 2.5 feet & told us to request an admin approval because of the error made at the time of the footer inspection.

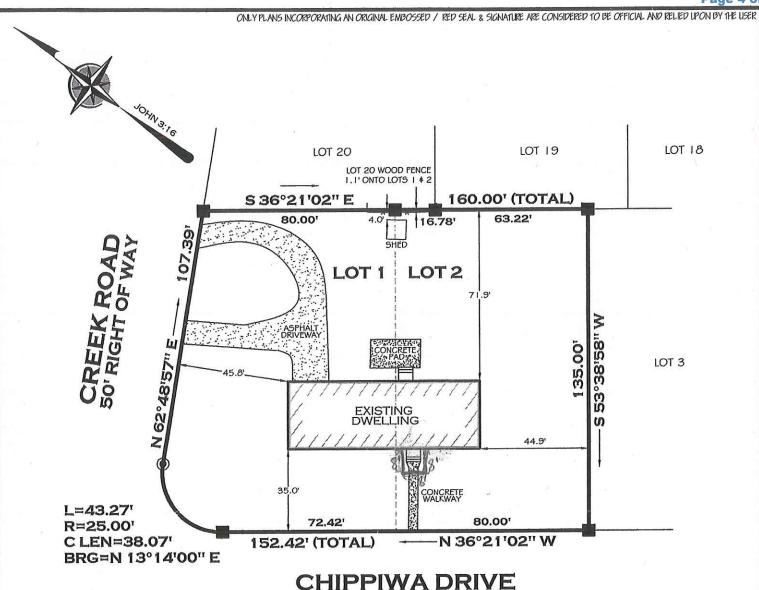
This should have been addressed at the time of us receiving the building permit. We would have altered our plans at that time.

Since the new porch was put on, we have gotten compliments from all the neighbors walking & driving by, telling us how nice it made our house look.

Please consider this when reviewing the adjustment application.

Thank you,

Scott & Sue Henry



50' RIGHT OF WAY

NOTES

- 1. CLASSIFICATION OF SURVEY: SUBURBAN
- 2. NO TITLE REPORT WAS PROVIDED FOR OUR USE, THEREFORE THIS BOUNDARY SURVEY IS SUBJECT TO ANY ENCUMBRANCES, RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, AND/OR RIGHTS OF WAY THAT MIGHT BE REVEALED BY A THOROUGH TITLE SEARCH.
- ALL SIDE AND REAR LOT LINES ARE RESERVED FOR CENTERLINE OF A TEN (10) FOOT DRAINAGE AND/OR UTILITY BASEMENT. (PER PLAT 11 / 82)

TAX MAP	1-34 - 11.00 - 396.00	DOLLNID A DV CLIDVEV
STATE	DELAWARE	BOUNDARY SURVEY
COUNTY	SUSSEX	PLAN
HUNDRED	BALTIMORE	
TOWN		
AREA	22,877 ± 5Q. FT.	LOTS 1 \$ 2, BLOCK J
DEED REF.	4300 / 242	BLACKWATER VILLAGE
PLAT REF.	11/82	
DRAWN BY	KTH	FOR
DATE	08/26/15	SCOTT L. HENRY
SCALE	I" = 40'	SCOTT L. HENRY
SURVEY#	DE - 02424	34011 CHIPPIWA DRIVE, DAGSBORO, DE 19939

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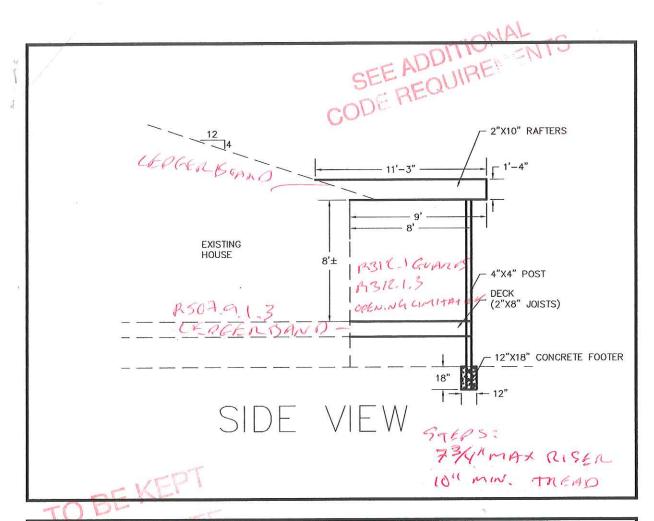
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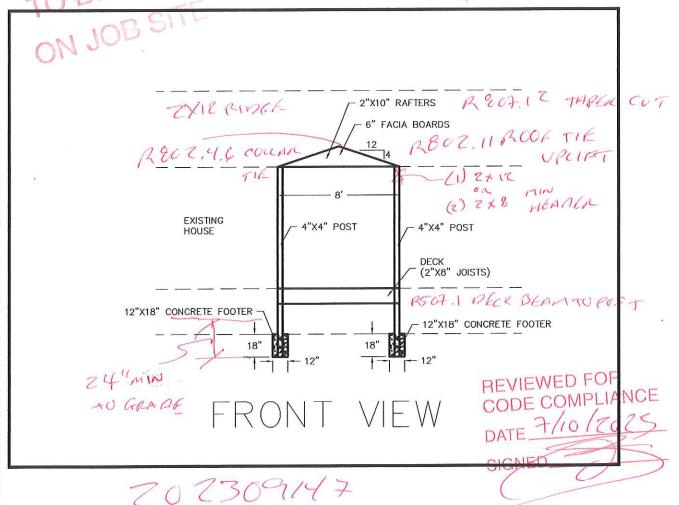
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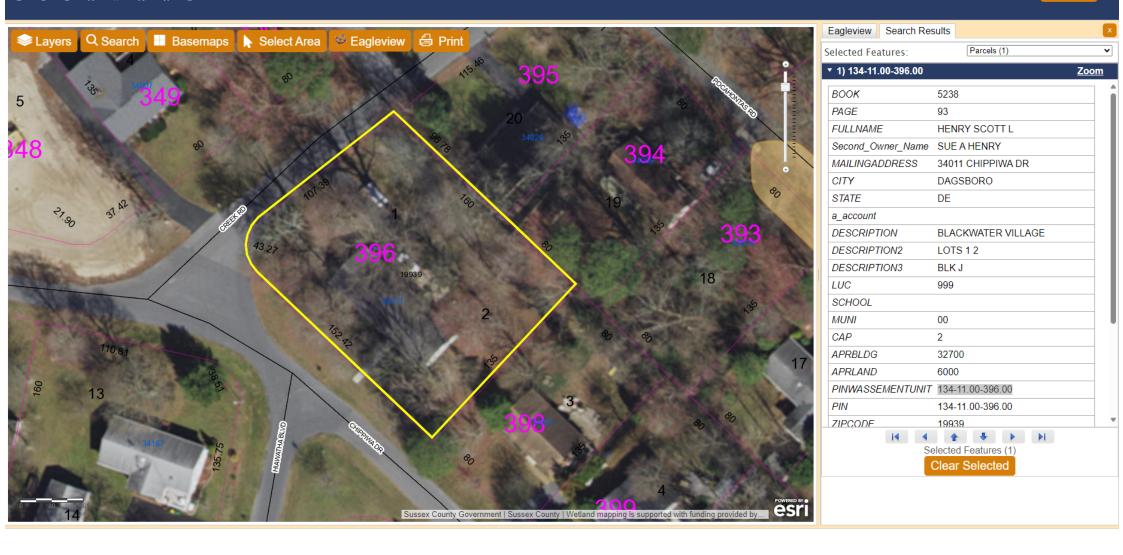
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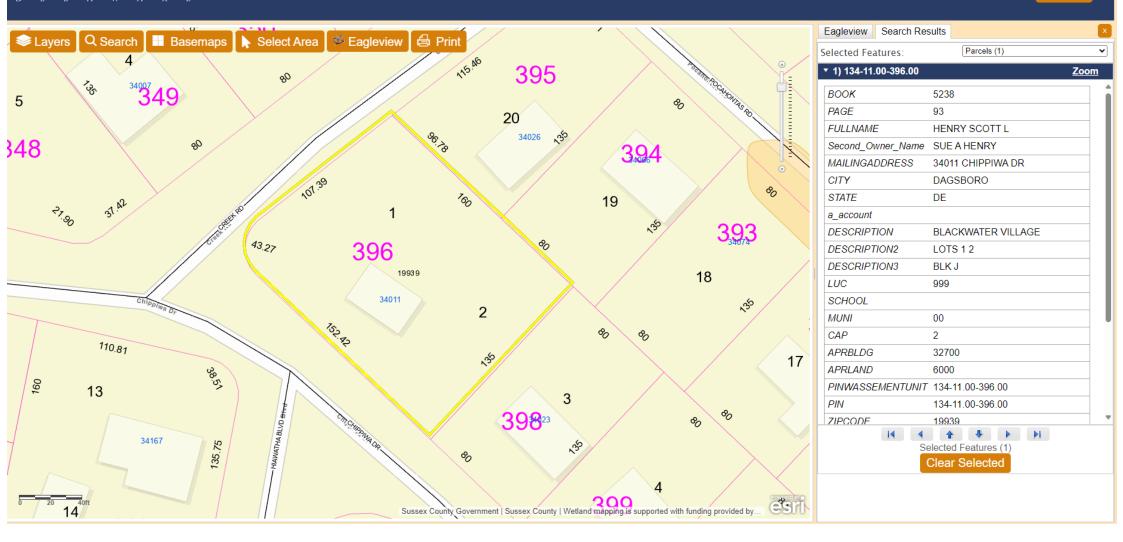


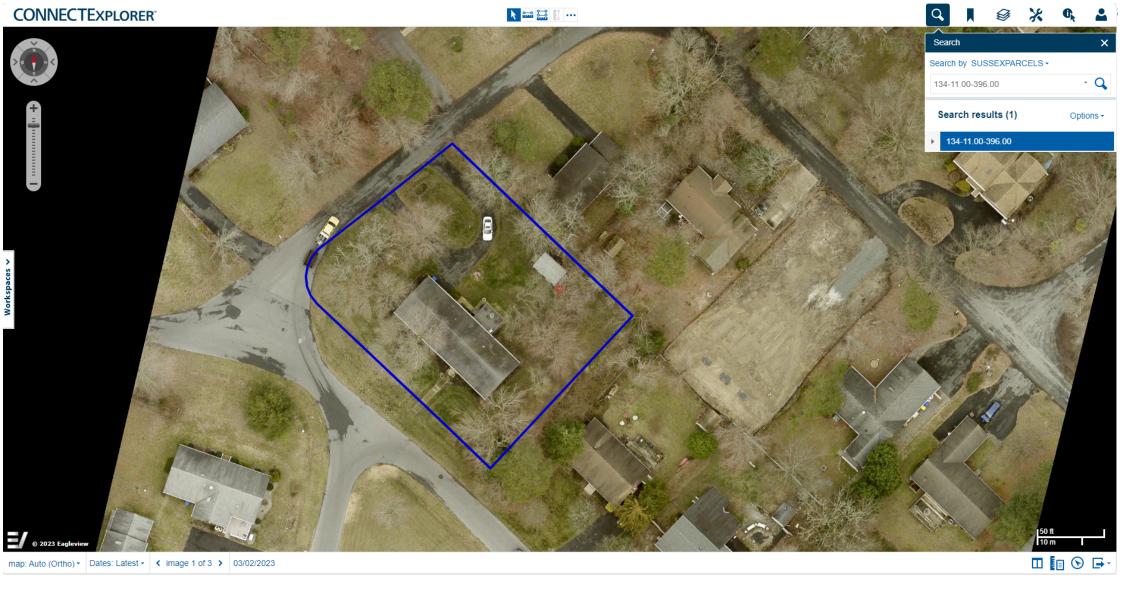
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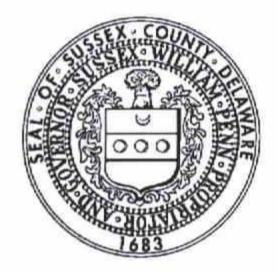












Sussex County Building Permit

P.O. Box 589 Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7720

Application Number

202309147

Issue Date: 07/14/2023 Expire Date: 07/13/2024

RES. ADDITION OUT OF TOWN Permit Type:

Parcel ID	LIMANA	Address	Zone Code
134-11.00-396.00	34011 CHIPPIWA DRIVE		MR
Owner Information		Applicant Information	
Name: HENRY SCOTT L		Name: HENRY SCOT	TL
Phone: 443-523-4151		Phone: 443-523-4151	
Contractor Information			
Name: HENRY SCOTT L		License Numb	er:
CID: 284655		License Exp. I	Date:
Phone:		Insurance Exp	. Date:
Building Information			
Proposed Use: OPEN PORCH			
Construction Type:			
Estimated Cost of Construction: \$ 1,000			
Cannot Occupy More than of Total	Name of the Control o		
Distance from any Dwelling of other Owner Distance from any other Mobile Home or A	72-5-41	ο.	
Property Information	The state of the s		
Measurements taken from Property Line	S		
Front Setback: 30.00 / /CHIPPI\	ARREST BECARE	Rear Setback: 10.00	1
Side Setback: 10.00 /		Corner Setback: 15.00	/CREEK RD
Maximum Building Height: 42 FT	_	Description:	
FLOOD ZONE	BLACKW	ATER VILLAGE LOTS 1 2	BLK J
Flood Zone: XP495K If Initialed, See Attached Flood Plan Construction Review Coastal and Flood-Prone Area Building Requirements.			
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Project Description: RES ADD W/ BC			
Scope of Work:			
8X8 PORCH ADDITION			
Permit Details:			
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Signature of Approving Official		A /	Zoning Requirements of this permit.
Building Permit Acknowledgement:	()		les and restrictions related to this building activity.

This permit shall expire one (1) year from the date of issue. This permit may be renewed prior to its expiration date if construction has begun and continued in a normal manner and not discontinued for reasons other than those beyond the permit-holder's control. Grading or surface-shaping of the site shall not be considered as actual construction.

I/we further acknowledge, ASSESSORS AND INSPECTORS HAVE A RIGHT TO ENTER AND ACCESS THE PREMISES TO ASSESS AND INSPECT PROPERTY. The owner or owners of these premises do hereby consent to Sussex County Officials' right to enter upon said premises during the construction of which this permit is granted, or within

a reasonable time thereafter, for the purposes of assessing and inspecting said property.

THE APPROVAL OF THIS PERMIT APPLICATION PERTAINS ONLY TO COMPLIANCE WITH SUSSEX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCES. IT IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS AN APPROVAL FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, WHICH MAY PERTAIN TO THIS SITE. AND FURTHER, IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED BY SUSSEX COUNTY FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT OR OF ANY COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL LAW APPLICABLE TO THIS PERMIT.

Permit Number

BP-210847

TOTAL FEES:

\$ 10.00

	building De	Scription	
Total Bedrooms:		Heat Type:	
Full Baths:	Half Baths:	Roofing:	
Total Rooms:		Exterior Walls:	
Basement:		Foundation Type:	
Interior Walls:		Fireplace Type:	
Flooring:		Air Conditioning:	N
	Additional Requirer	nent/Restrictions	
	ding 900 Square Feet or Greater nicles permitted in structure witho		ng.
Agricultural Sto Storage only. NO LIVEST	orage Structures OCK PERMITTED.		
Campgrounds Must conform to the locat	ion approved by the park.		
	mits ertificate of Occupancy, it must b nit will be voided and plans must b		
setback. Thereafter, fence corner fronts and 25' from	all along the front property line ance may be a maximum of 7' tall. (In the intersection of property lines	On corner lots, the fence may	only be 3' tall along the
	l improvements shall comply with County Zoning Ordinance. Failur		The state of the s
Pools (Above-O Must have ladder up and required around perimete	locked at all times when not in us	se. Pool must be 4' high abov	e grade. If not, a fence is
	nd) nust be around the perimeter of that at be locked at all times when the		ay must be between the
Pools or Guest No Cooking facilities of an	t Homes ny kind are permitted in the struct	ture. No separate electrical m	eters are permitted.
	a State regulated tax ditch appea ments related to State regulated	2 2	

BUILDING CODE

MAIN OFFICE (FAX)

(302) 855-7860 (302) 855-7821

buildingcodeinfo@sussexcountyde.gov

INSPECTION OFFICE

(302) 858-5500

buildinginspections@sussexcountyde.gov



Sussex County

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ANDY WRIGHT CHIEF OF BUILDING CODE

SINGLE FAMILY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

Application # 202309147



- Prior to pouring concrete
- Minimum of 24" inches below finished grade
- Pole buildings must be a minimum 36" inches below grade
- Re-bar and reinforcement tied and in place (when required)
- Footings free of debris, organic material, and water
- Concrete shall not be placed on frozen soil

*Building Code automatically checks the building setbacks when we perform a footing inspection. However, in some cases, a third-party engineering company may perform a footing inspection. When a third party does the footing inspection you must request a separate "Setback Inspection" from us OR you may provide a sealed foundation as-built survey to the Building Inspection Office before a framing inspection can be scheduled.

PRE-SLAB INSPECTION-

- Required for conditioned areas built on slab on grade
- · Perimeter insulation installed prior to pouring slab
- Proof of DE State plumbing inspection MUST be on site

TRACK INSPECTION-

- · Required for pre-engineered sunrooms
- Track installed for floor and/or roof panels

HOUSEWRAP/FRAMING INSPECTION-

- Housewrap inspection may be scheduled before the framing inspection as a separate inspection.
- Building is weather tight (roof covering, housewrap, flashing, windows & doors must be installed)
- Electrical and plumbing inspected with stickers on site
- Mechanical ducts and boots installed and sealed
- Draft stopping and fire blocking completed
- Basement waterproofing complete and certification provided
- Certifications for pre-engineered products on site
- Framing inspection before exterior covering is installed
- No insulation is to be installed before framing inspection

- Pole buildings require a header inspection prior to any exterior or interior wall covering is installed
- Plant built portions of modular homes do not require framing inspection but are required a "Close-In" inspection after the units are set and before mating wall have exterior covering installed.
- Site built portions of a modular home project are still required a framing inspection.

ENERGY INSPECTION (DWELLINGS, CONDITIONED ADDITIONS & ACCESSORY STRUCTURES)-

- 2018 Energy compliance ("Res-Check") must be on site.
- · Building envelope sealed from all air drafts
- All insulation properly installed.
- Thermal stickers for doors and windows must be in place.
- Modular homes to have all air gaps in mating walls sealed and site-built portion such as: finished cape cods, rooms over garages, additional living spaces...etc.) certification and a permanent certificate must be completed and posted in or around the electric box before final inspection.

FINAL INSPECTION-

- The following items must be on file with Building Inspections BEFORE scheduling final inspection:
 - On-site wastewater/septic completion report (with red stamp) from DNREC
 - > DelDOT entrance permit when required on new construction
 - Final elevation certificate (when in flood zone)
- Work is completed
- Electrical and plumbing have been inspected with stickers on site.
- Blower door/energy certification posted in or around electric panel
- Duct blaster certification ONLY if any of duct work is in unconditioned space
- Rough grade for proper drainage away from structure
- Gutters and downspouts installed
- 911 addresses must be posted
- Attic and crawlspace insulation installed
- Must provide access to attic areas



SETBACK INSPECTION-

- Automatically generated when you pass final inspection
- · Not required if a Final Survey is provided

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY-

Issued when the above documents are received, and Sussex County field inspections are completed. It may take up to 48 hours to
process. Please take this into consideration when scheduling your closings.

County approved plans must be kept on job site for inspectors' review to receive an inspection.

Additional inspections after 5 inspections (Except Modular Home Projects without site-built additions) shall be charged \$40.00 per trip and to be paid before the issuance of the certificate of occupancy. Modular Home projects will be charged \$40.00 per trip after 4 inspections.

Before requesting any inspection, all "third party" reports such as; engineered footing reports, piling blow counts, water proofing certificates, stamped truss repairs, and energy certificate reports must be emailed to our Inspection Office at buildinginspections@sussexcountyde.gov. Application number must be included.

Any requested inspection failing to provide any of the above-mentioned reports, will not be scheduled.

TO SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS:

PLEASE CALL 302-858-5500 BETWEEN 7:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. OR USE THE "INSPECTION REQUEST" WEBFORM, FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF:

sussexcountyde.gov

MUST HAVE APPLICATION NUMBER TO SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS.

All inspections can now be viewed on the County's website using the "Self Service Portal." To access this feature, please visit: sussexcountyde.gov and click on the "Self Service Portal" link at the bottom of the page. You will need to enter your Parcel ID or Application reference number to view all inspection results. Both numbers can be found on your building permit.

PRINT NAME Sue Henry

PHONE # 443-523-415/

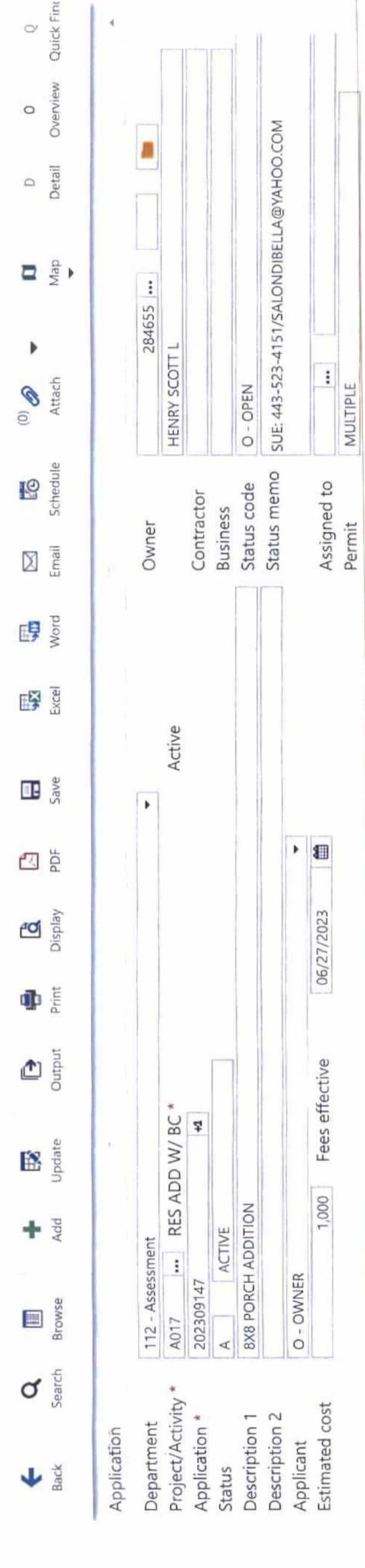
EMAIL Salondibella@yahoo.com

DATE 7-14-23

OWNER or CONTRACTOR
Circle one:

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Application Entry [Sussex County, DE]



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34011 CHIPPIWA DRIVE			Existing use	RS	RESIDEN	RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY
DAGSBORO DE 19939			zoning	MR - ME	MR - MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	SIDENTIAL
DA DAGSBORO			memo			
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			flood zone		:	
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			zoning	MR - ME	MR - MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	SIDENTIAL
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Lot/Section/Phase

Between

and

Municipality

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Location

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Location desc

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PERMITS

PROJECT TRACKING

DATES/MISC

LEGAL DESC

PROPERTY/USE

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Hazard/Restr

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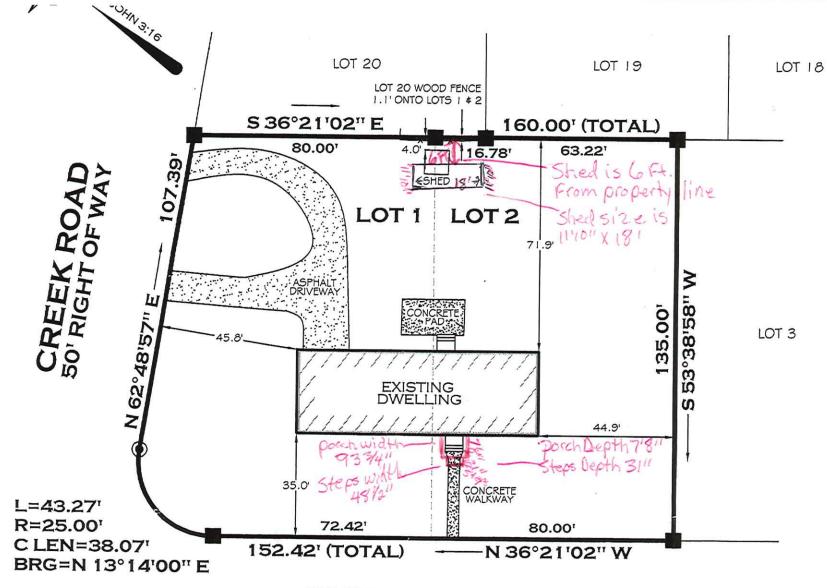
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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax Case # 12936 Hearing Date 5/20/2004 202404087

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance 🗸	Existing Condition
Special Use Exception	Proposed
Administrative Variance	Code Reference (office use only)
Appeal	
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 19980 Atlantic Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	
1) Where the proposed AC is 15.2" from the neighboring stairs and 19.2' from proposed dwelling is 18.3' from the neighboring stairs on E46, 3) 12.9' from on D47 and 5) 11.9' from the neighboring dwelling on lot D47. 6) where the proposed dwelling on D47, 7) 8.8' from the shed on E50, and 8) 13.9' from the neighboring landing is 14.2' from the neighboring AC and 10) 16.9' from the neighboring	the shed on E46, 4) 9.8 from the shed to the rear proposed shed is 14.5' from the neighboring bring dwelling on E50. 9) Where the proposed
Tax Map #: 334-13.00-310.00-3144	Property Zoning:
Applicant Information	+
Applicant Name: Sea Air Village- Agent Aimee Bennet	<u> </u>
Applicant Address: 19837 Sea Air Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 1	
Applicant Phone #: (302) 227-8118 Applicant e-n	nail: abennett2@suncommunities.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Sea Breeze LP DBA Sea Air Village	
Owner Address: 19837 Sea Air Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 1	9971 Purchase Date:
Owner Phone #: (302) 227-8118 Owner e-mai	l: abennett2@suncommunities.com
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: Aimee Bennett	
Agent/Attorney Address: 19837 Sea Air Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 19	
Agent/Attorney Phone #: (302) 227-8118 Agent/Attorn	ney e-mail: abennett2@suncommunities.com
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
Kay mad	Date: 03/25/2024





Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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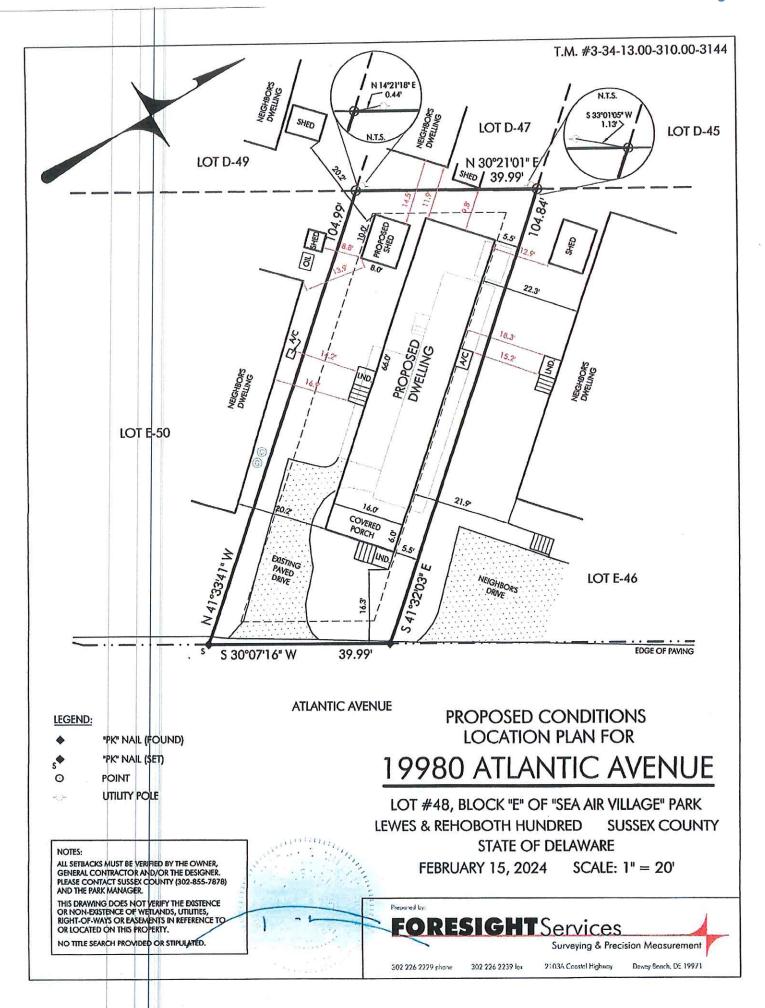
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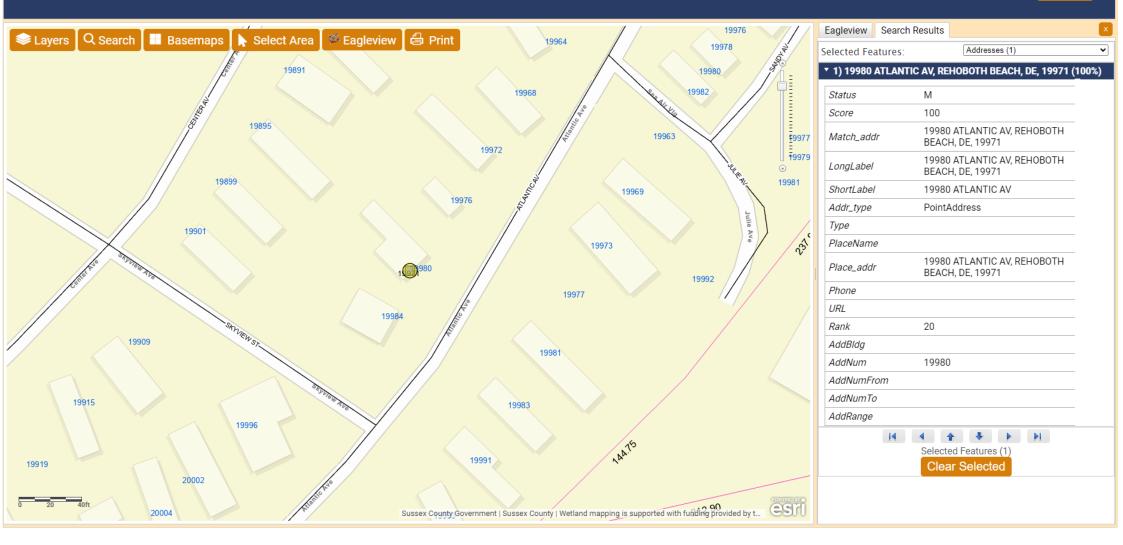
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- 1-10 The uniquely narrow dimensions of this lot create a challenge placing the manufactured home and maintaining minimum separation between homes and accessory structures. This lot was laid out with others in the community in the 1950's and 1960's prior to the current county requirements for separation distances. The lots sizes are small in comparison with the size of the modern manufactured home. I have selected a standard size floorplan for this home that is comparable to other new homes in the community, but I am still unable to place on the lot with the required setbacks. Although the new home is narrower than the prior combined/total footprint of the home & additon that was removed. The narrow shape of the lot and the previous build out of the surrounding adjacent lots makes it difficult to place a new manufactured home on the property consistent with others in the neighborhood while maintaining compliance with Sussex County's current Zoning Code. In the process of placing this new manufactured home we are addressing/correcting the 5' lot setback which was not previously intact.
- Cannot otherwise be developed:
- That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance us therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.
- 1-10: Due to the uniqueness of the property, the property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. I propose to place a normal width sized manufactured home that is consistent with other new homes in the community and a standard size shed that is consistent with other new homes in the community but am unable to do so without violating the separation distance requirements between neighboring manufactured homes and accessory structures (ie, sheds). The variances are necessary to enable reasonable use of the property, without said variance the property cannot be developed.
- 3. Not created by the applicant:
- That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.
- 1-10: The exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the applicant. The property is quite narrow which greatly limits the buildable area thereof. The neighboring lots are also narrow causing development of nearby lots to be nearer to lot lines/neighboring homes. It appears impossible for a home to be placed on the property without violating the separation distance requirements. As noted previously, the new "replacement home" has a footprint which is more narrow than the prior home footprint yet a variance is still needed for placement. The

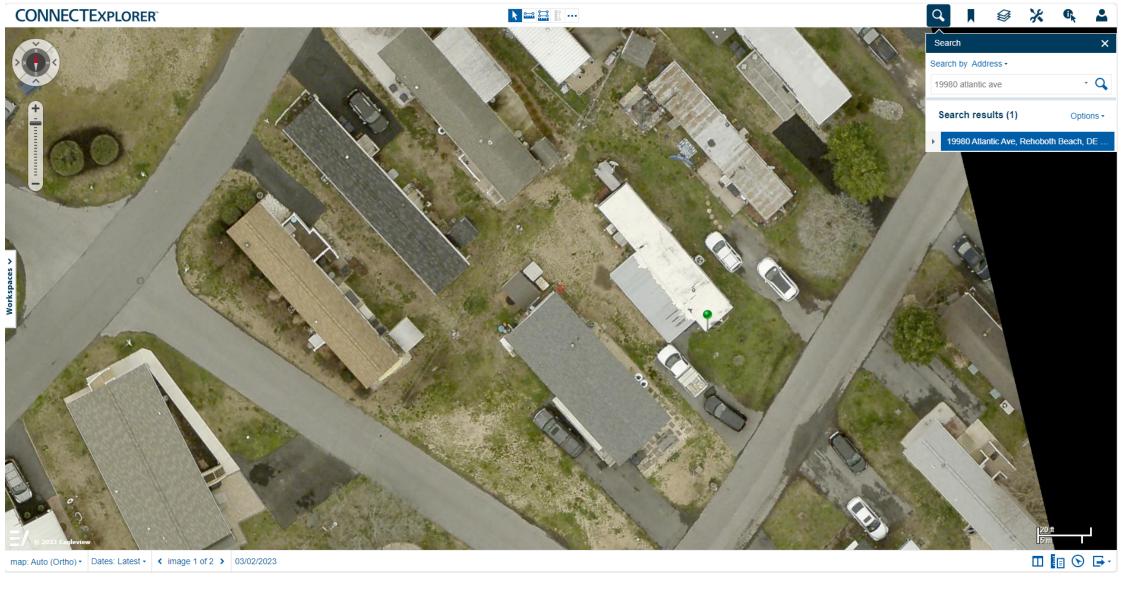
exceptional practical difficulty was created by the unique conditions of the property and the development of adjacent lots.

- 4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:
- That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or
 district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the
 appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.
- 1-10: The variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare thereof. I am seeking this variance to add to the conformity to the community & to modernize the homes within the community which will subsequently add value and improve the characteristics of the community/neighborhood. The previous 1966 home was surrendered to the community after the structure began to fail.
- 5. Minimum Variance:
- That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.
- 1-10: The variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and the
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 home is the narrowest currently available and minimizes the need for variance on the property.









BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

IN RE: SEA AIR VILLAGE

(Case No. 12877)

A hearing was held after due notice on November 6, 2023. The Board members present were: Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Jeffrey Chorman, Mr. John T. Hastings, Mr. Jordan Warfel, and Mr. John Williamson.

Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for variances from the separation distance requirements for proposed structures.

Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is the following variances:

- 1. A variance of 1.8 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot E48 for a proposed porch;
- 2. A variance of 1.7 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot E48 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 3. A variance of 4.5 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing HVAC on Lot E48 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 4. A variance of 5.6 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot E48 for a proposed landing and steps;
- 5. A variance of 2.0 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot E48 for a proposed landing;
- 6. A variance of 2.4 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot E48 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 7. A variance of 7.1 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot E48 for a proposed shed;
- 8. A variance of 1.4 feet from the ten (10) feet separation distance requirement between accessory structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot E48 for a proposed shed;
- 9. A variance of 0.3 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot D45 for a proposed shed;
- 10. A variance of 4.6 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot D45 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 11. A variance of 6.8 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing cover on Lot D45 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 12. A variance of 5.4 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot D45 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 13. A variance of 2.9 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement

- between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot E44 for a proposed manufactured home;
- 14. A variance of 6.1 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing ramp on Lot E44 for a proposed HVAC; and
- 15. A variance of 3.1 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing ramp on Lot E44 for a proposed manufactured home.

This application pertains to certain real property located on the northwest side of Atlantic Avenue, Lot E46, within the Sea Air Village Manufactured Home Park (911 Address: 19976 Atlantic Avenue, Rehoboth Beach) said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Number: 334-13.00-310.00-5230 ("the Property"). After a public hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, a site plan dated September 13, 2023, a site plan dated October 11, 2023, an aerial photograph of the Property, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Office of Planning & Zoning received no correspondence in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 3. The Board found that Aimee Bennett was sworn in to testify about the Application.
- 4. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant seeks to replace the prior home on the Property that was surrendered to the community owner and is not able to be rehabilitated. She noted that the prior home was a 1966 unit that had roof failure.
- 5. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant must replace the unit in order to recover the lot use.
- 6. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the lot is uniquely narrow and irregular.
- 7. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the shallow lot and topographical issues create physical conditions that are peculiar to this particular property and create the exceptional practical difficulty.
- 8. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant is unable to otherwise develop the Property.
- 9. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant is asking for the minimum required relief in order to place the home.
- 10. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant is placing a home that is standard with other homes in the community but are unable to do so due to the build-out around the site itself.
- 11. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the exceptional practical difficulty is not being created by the Applicant.
- 12. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood but will rather improve it as the unit that was there is uninhabitable.
- 13. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the prior home was removed a few weeks ago.
- 14. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the shed is necessary otherwise the homeowner will have storage issues outside on the lots.
- 15. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant installed a hardscape barrier around the homes which seems to work well and still allow enough access to get in between the home and shed for maintenance. She also noted that the cover is a small carport but sized for a golfcart.
- 16. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the HVAC unit on Lot 48 encroaches and the shed on that lot nearly sits on the Property also.

- 17. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant eliminated some variance requests with the newer site plan. The Board thus referenced the October 13, 2023, site plan.
- 18. The Board found that no one appeared in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 19. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board found credible, persuasive, and unrebutted, the Board determined that the application met the standards for granting a variance. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application.
 - a. The Property is unique as it is a small and narrow lot laid out prior to the enactment of the Sussex County Zoning Code. The lot is also adjacent to lots which are improved by houses and related structures and which are close to the shared property lines. The lot is required to meet separation distance requirements for structures within the park but the Applicant is unable to place a reasonably sized home with related structures on the lot while meeting all setback requirements. The effect of the placement of the structures on the adjacent lots combined with the already small size of the lot and these unique conditions have led to an exceptionally small building envelope. These conditions have created an exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship for the Applicant who seeks to place a dwelling and related structures on the Property but cannot do so in compliance with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The situation is unique because neighboring homes have been placed on other lots and the Applicant has no control over the placement of those homes and structures. neighboring HVAC even sits over the property line.
 - b. The unnecessary hardship and exceptional practical difficulty are not being created by the provisions of the Sussex County Zoning Code.
 - c. Due to the uniqueness of the Property and the placement of the structures on a neighboring lot, the Property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Applicant proposes to place a dwelling and related structures on the lot but is unable to do so without violating the separation distance requirements between structures in a mobile home park requirement. The variances are thus necessary to enable reasonable use of the Property. The Board is convinced that the shape and location of the dwelling and related structures are also reasonable (which is confirmed when reviewing the survey).
 - d. The exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship were not created by the Applicant. The Applicant did not create the size of the lot or place the structures on the neighboring property thereby restricting the building envelope on the Property. This building envelope is further limited due to the small size of the lot. The unique conditions of the Property and the development of the adjacent lot have created an exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship for the Applicant who seeks to place a reasonably sized home and related structures on the lot.
 - e. The variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare. The Board is convinced that the dwelling and related structures will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood. The Board notes that no complaints were noted in the record about the proposed dwelling and related structures and no evidence was presented which would indicate that the variances would somehow alter the essential character of the neighborhood or be

- detrimental to the public welfare. The Board also notes that the home will be located in a similar location as a prior home that was recently removed.
- f. The variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and the variances requested represent the least modifications possible of the regulations at issue. The Applicant has demonstrated that the variances sought will allow the Applicant to construct a reasonably sized dwelling and related structures on the lot. The Board notes that the dwelling is a reasonably sized manufactured home. The Applicant has demonstrated that it has worked with its manufacturer to secure a home that minimizes the need for a variance.
- g. The condition or situation of the Property and the intended use of the Property is not of so general or recurring a nature as to make reasonably practicable the formulation of a general regulation to be adopted as an amendment to the Sussex County Zoning Code.

The Board granted the variance application finding that it met the standards for granting a variance.

Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the variance application was approved. The Board Members in favor of the motion to approve were Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Jeffrey Chorman, Mr. Travis Hastings, Mr. Jordan Warfel, and Mr. John Williamson. No Board Member voted against the Motion to approve the variance application.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

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Jeffrey Chorman Chair

If the use is not established within two (2) years from the date below the application becomes void.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

IN RE: SUN HOME SERVICES, INC.

(Case No. 12485)

A hearing was held after due notice on October 19, 2020. The Board members present were: Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Jeff Chorman, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. John Williamson, and Mr. Brent Workman.

Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for a variance from the separation distance requirement for proposed and existing structures.

Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is requesting the following variances: 1) a variance of 7 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between the proposed dwelling on Lot 49 and the shed on Lot 51; 2) a variance of 4.4 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between a proposed dwelling on Lot 49 and an existing deck on Lot 51; 3) a variance of 2.1 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between the storage building on Lot 48 and the proposed dwelling on Lot 49; 4) a variance of 1 foot from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between the dwelling on Lot 47 and the proposed steps on Lot 49; 5) a variance of 3.8 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between the existing landing on Lot 47 and the proposed steps on Lot 49; 6) a variance of 8.8 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between the existing shower on Lot 47 and the proposed shed on Lot 49; and 7) a variance of 7 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between the existing shed on Lot 51 and the proposed HVAC system on Lot 49. The Property which is the subject of this Application is identified as Lot 49 in the Sea Air subdivision. The Property is located on the east side of Center Avenue within the Sea Breeze Manufactured Home Park (911 Address: 19899 Center Avenue, Rehoboth Beach) said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Number: 3-34-13.00-310.00-3042. After a public hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, photographs, a survey of the Property dated July 23, 2020, an aerial photograph of the Property, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Office of Planning & Zoning received no correspondence in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 3. The Board found that Kaylie Bush was sworn in to testify about the Application.
- 4. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the property is unique as it is narrow and shaped at an angle.
- 5. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the lot was created in the 1930s and is small in comparison with the size of modern manufactured homes.
- 6. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the manufactured home is the narrowest available on the market today but still requires variances and that the narrow shape of the lot makes it difficult to place a new manufactured home on the Property consistent with others in the neighborhood while complying with the Sussex County Zoning Code.
- 7. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that, due to the uniqueness of the Property, the Property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Code.
- 8. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the proposed manufactured home is the minimum width sized manufactured home that is consistent with other homes in the community.

- 9. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the Applicant but by the uniqueness of the lot.
- 10. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the lot is narrow and greatly limits the building area thereof.
- 11. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that it appears impossible to place a home on the lot without violating the separation distance requirements.
- 12. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the exceptional practical difficulty was created by the unique conditions of the Property and development of neighboring lots
- 13. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood but will add value and improve the characteristics of the community.
- 14. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and to allow a narrow manufactured home to be placed on the lot.
- 15. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that there was a manufactured home on this property previously and that home measured 12 feet by 60 feet.
- 16. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that the shed cannot be placed elsewhere on the lot.
- 17. The Board found that Ms. Bush testified that she has received no complaints.
- 18. The Board found that no one appeared in support of or opposition to the Application.
- 19. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board found credible, persuasive, and unrebutted, the Board determined that the application met the standards for granting a variance. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application.
 - a. The Property is unique as it is a small and narrow lot and the Applicant proposes to place a new manufactured home and related structures on the lot to replace an older home previously on the lot. The Property is subject to separation distance requirements from other structures in the neighborhood and the Applicant is restricted on where to place certain structures due to those requirements. The development on neighboring properties has significantly constrained the Applicant. Notably, the proposed home and related structures do not meet separation distance requirements from 3 sides of the property and the other side is the side facing the road. Due to the location of the structures on the neighboring lots and the unique size and shape of the lots, the Applicant's building envelope is narrow and limited. These conditions have created an unnecessary hardship and exceptional practical difficulty for the Applicant who seeks to place a new dwelling and related structures on the lot but is unable to do so without a variance.
 - b. The unnecessary hardship and exceptional practical difficulty are not being created by the provisions of the Sussex County Zoning Code.
 - c. Due to the uniqueness of the Property and situation, the Property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The lot is small and narrow and is significantly limited by the separation distance requirements. The structures on neighboring lands were placed by neighbors and the Applicant seeks to place a new dwelling and related structures on its lot but is unable to do so without violating the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Board is convinced that the variances are necessary to enable the reasonable use of the Property as the variances will allow the Applicant to improve the lot as proposed. The Board is convinced that the shape and location of the structure is reasonable, which is confirmed when reviewing the survey provided by the Applicant.

- d. The exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship were not created by the Applicant. The Property has unique conditions, as discussed above, and those conditions have limited the building envelope on the Property and have created an exceptional practical difficulty. Importantly, the Applicant did not place the structures on the neighboring lots so close to the shared property line. The Applicant is unable to construct a reasonable dwelling and related structures due to the unique size of the Property and the construction on neighboring lands. The Board also notes that the lot was created in the 1930s prior to the enactment of the Sussex County Zoning Code.
- e. The variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare. The Applicant seeks to place a reasonably sized dwelling and related structures on the lot to replace a prior home. No evidence was presented that the variances would somehow alter the essential character of the neighborhood or be detrimental to the public welfare. Rather, the home will be consistent with other homes in the neighborhood.
- f. The variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and the variances requested represent the least modifications possible of the regulation at issue. The Applicant has demonstrated that the variances sought will allow the Applicant to place a reasonable home and structures on the Property. The Board is convinced that the home is the minimum sized home to afford reasonable use of the Property.
- g. The condition or situation of the Property and the intended use of the Property is not of so general or recurring a nature as to make reasonably practicable the formulation of a general regulation to be adopted as an amendment to the Sussex County Zoning Code.

The Board granted the variance application finding that it met the standards for granting a variance.

Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the variance application was approved. The Board Members in favor of the Motion to approve were Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Jeffrey Chorman, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. John Williamson, and Mr. Brent Workman. No Board Member voted against the Motion to approve the variance application.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

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Ellen M. Magee Chair

If the use is not established within two (2) years from the date below the application

becomes void.

Date December 21, 2020.

Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Case # $\underline{12938}$ Hearing Date $\underline{5.20.20}$ 24 202404244

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Special Use Exception	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 20011 Golden Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: On the East side of the proposed dwelling where the screened porch on lot L63 is 1) 18.8' a porch. 3) Where the proposed dwelling is 12.6' and 4) 8.3' from teh shed on lot L63. 5) At from K62 shed and 6) 15.7' from the neighboring dwelling. 7) Where the proposed shed is dwelling, 9) 18.2' from shed on K60, 10) 12' from oil tank on L59, and 11)10.7' from neigh dwelling is 19.7' from home on L59. Where the proposed stair is 13) 15.9' from the neighboring th	t the rear of the home where proposed home is 15.8' s 15.8' from K62 oil tank, 8) 18.2 from' K62 hooring home on L59. 12) Where the proposed
Tax Map #: 334-13.00-310.00-13072	Property Zoning:
Applicant Information Applicant Name: Sea Air Village- Agent Aimee Bennett	
Applicant Address: 19837 Sea Air Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 1997	
Applicant Phone #: (302) 227-8118 Applicant e-mai	il: abennett2@suncommunities.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Sea Breeze LP DBA Sea Air Village	
Owner Name: Sea Breeze LP DBA Sea Air Village Owner Address: 19837 Sea Air Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 1999	71 Purchase Date:
Owner Phone #: (302) 227-8118 Owner e-mail:	abennett2@suncommunities.com
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: Aimee Bennett	
Agent/Attorney Address: 19837 Sea Air Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 1997	
Agent/Attorney Phone #: (302) 227-8118 Agent/Attorney	e-mail: abennett2@suncommunities.com
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
Aimee Bennett	Date: 03/27/2024





Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

See Attached

2.	Cannot	otherwise	be devel	oped

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

See Attached

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

See Attached

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

See Attached

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

See Attached

- 1. Uniqueness of the property:
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- 1-13 The uniquely narrow dimensions of this lot create a challenge placing the manufactured home and maintaining minimum separation between homes and accessory structures. This lot was laid out with others in the community in the 1950's and 1960's prior to the current county requirements for separation distances. The lots sizes are small in comparison with the size of the modern manufactured home. I have selected a standard size floorplan for this home that is comparable to other new homes in the community, but I am still unable to place on the lot with the required setbacks. Although the new home is approximately the same size as the prior combined/total footprint of the home that was removed, The narrow shape of the lot and the previous build out of the surrounding adjacent lots makes it difficult to place a new manufactured home on the property consistent with others in the neighborhood while maintaining compliance with Sussex County's current Zoning Code. In the process of placing this new manufactured home we are addressing/correcting the 5' lot setback which was not previously intact.
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- That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the
 property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or
 Code and that the authorization of a variance us therefore necessary to enable the reasonable
 use of the property.
- 1-13: Due to the uniqueness of the property, the property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. I propose to place a normal width sized manufactured home that is consistent with other new homes in the community and a standard size shed that is consistent with other new homes in the community but am unable to do so without violating the separation distance requirements between neighboring manufactured homes and accessory structures (ie, sheds, porches). The variances are necessary to enable reasonable use of the property, without said variance the property cannot be developed.
- 3. Not created by the applicant:
- That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.
- 1-13: The exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the applicant. The property is quite narrow which greatly limits the buildable area thereof. The neighboring lots are also narrow causing development of nearby lots to be nearer to lot lines/neighboring homes. It appears impossible for a home to be placed on the property without violating the separation distance requirements. As noted previously, the new "replacement home" has a footprint which is approximately same as the prior home footprint yet a variance is still needed for placement.

The exceptional practical difficulty was created by the unique conditions of the property and the development of adjacent lots.

- 4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:
- That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.
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 value and improve the characteristics of the community/neighborhood. The previous 1978
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5. Minimum Variance:

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T.M. #3-34-13.00-310.00-13072 **LOT K-60** LOT K-62 **LOT K-64** S 86°39'59" E 0.64 NEIGH. SHED S 45 08 40 W 39.62 PROPOSED DWELLING PROPOSED LANDING **LOT L-59** COVERED PORCH PAVED DRIVE LOT L-63 LOT L-61 3,999 SQ. FT. EDGE OF PAVING N 45°14'11" E 40.61

GOLDEN AVENUE

<u>LEGEN</u>D:

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UTILITY POLE

ALL SETBACKS MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE OWNER, GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND/OR THE DESIGNER. PLEASE CONTACT SUSSEX COUNTY (302-855-7878) AND THE PARK MANAGER

THIS DRAWING DOES NOT VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OR NON-EXISTENCE OF WETLANDS, UTILITIES, RIGHT-OF-WAYS OR EASEMENTS IN REFERENCE TO OR LOCATED ON THIS PROPERTY

NO TITLE SEARCH PROVIDED OR STIPULATED.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS LOCATION PLAN FOR

20011 GOLDEN AVENUE

LOT L-61 OF "SEA AIR VILLAGE" PARK LEWES & REHOBOTH HUNDRED SUSSEX COUNTY STATE OF DELAWARE MARCH 20, 2024 SCALE: 1'' = 20'

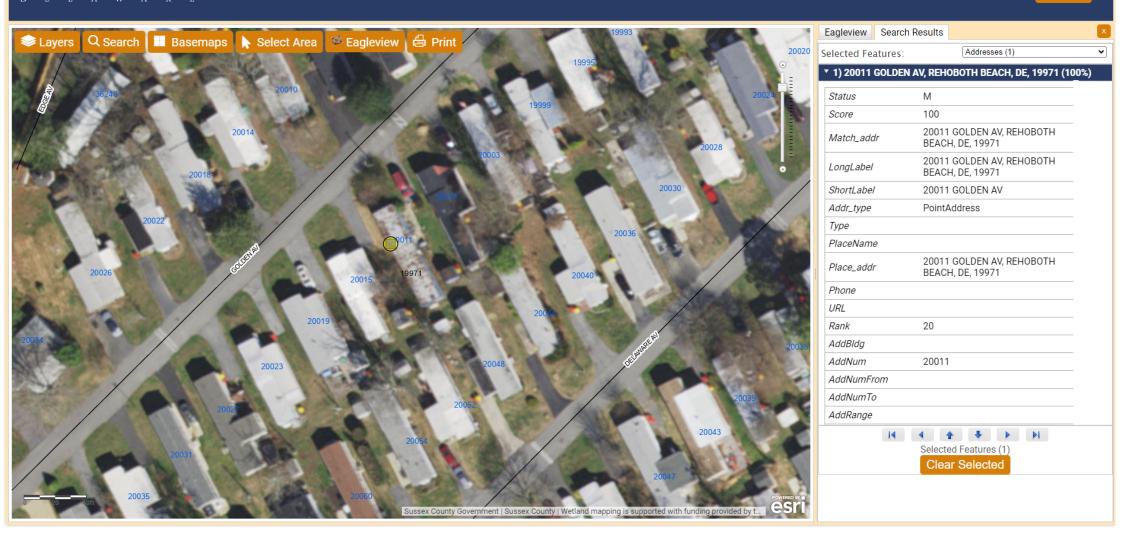
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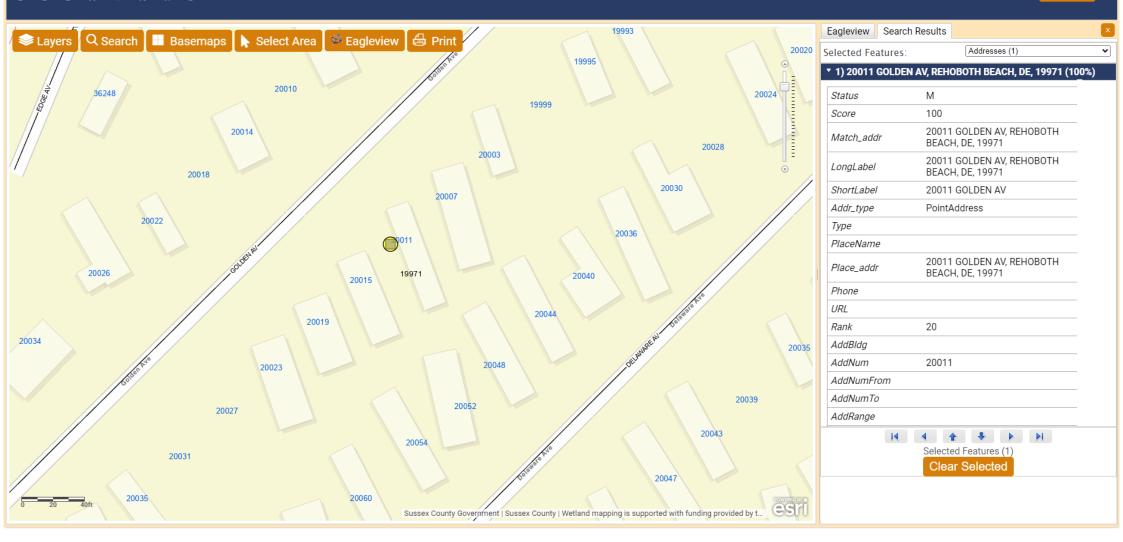
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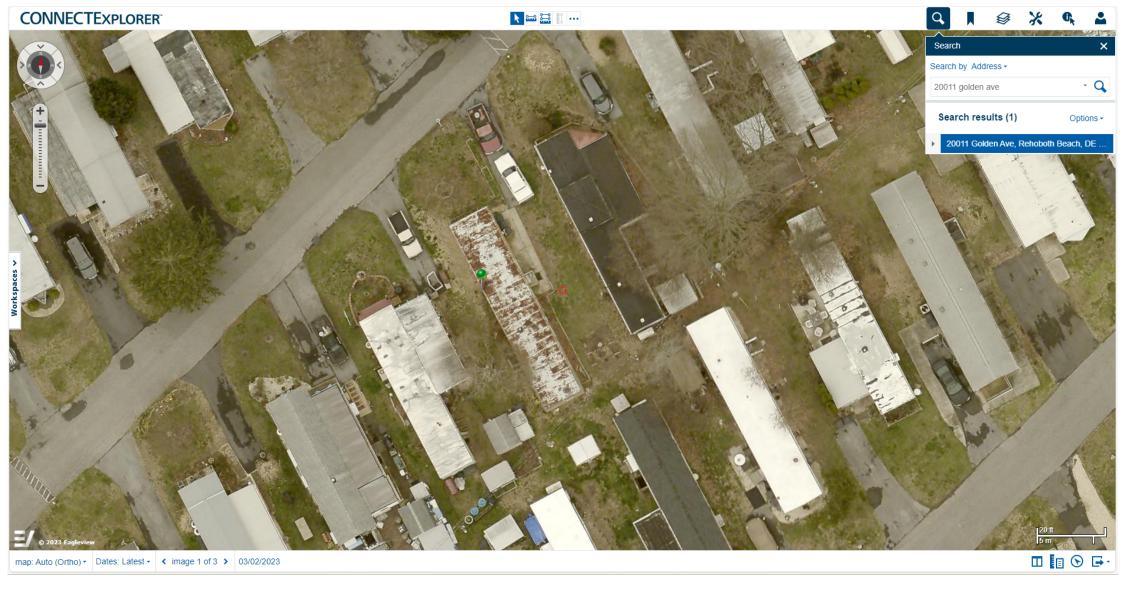
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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Case # 12937 Hearing Date 5/20/2024 202404089

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance 🔽	Existing Condition
Special Use Exception	Proposed
Administrative Variance	Code Reference (office use only)
Appeal	
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 19905 Atlantic Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested	:
1) Where the proposed addition/room is 15.0' from the neighboring AC on lot F11.	he neighboring dwelling on lot F11 and
Tax Map #: 334-13.00-310.00-315 \p	Property Zoning:
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: Bob's Home Improvement	
Applicant Address: 324 Jean Bradley Circle	
City Frederica State DE	Zip: 19946
Applicant Phone #: 302-603-6866 Applica	nt e-mail: klashua@suncommunities.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: David Smith & Kenneth Williams J	r
Owner Address: 19905 Atlantic Ave	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE	Zip: 19971 Purchase Date:
Owner Phone #: 610-256-4888 Owner	e-mail: dsmith610@hotmail.com
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: Robert Lashua	
Agent/Attorney Address: 324 Jean Bradley Circle	
City Frederica State DE	Zip: ₁₉₉₄₆
Agent/Attorney Phone #: 302-603-6866 Agent/A	Attorney e-mail: klashua@suncommunities.com
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
1) Joshia	Date: 03/19/2024





Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

See Attached

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

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3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

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4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

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5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

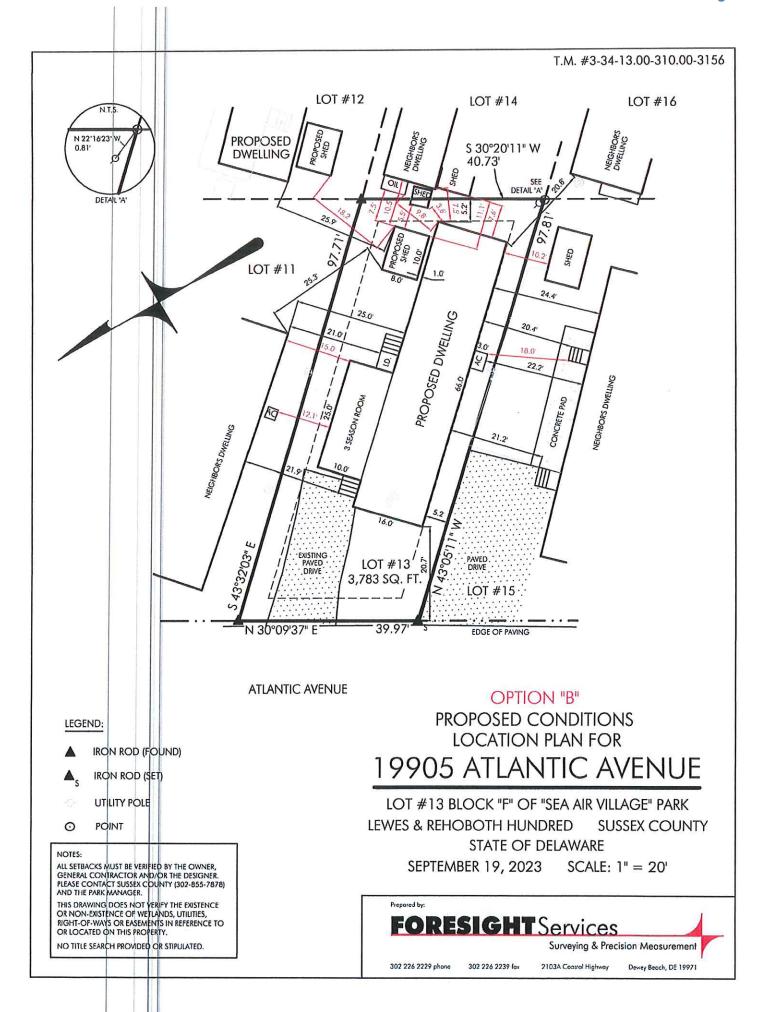
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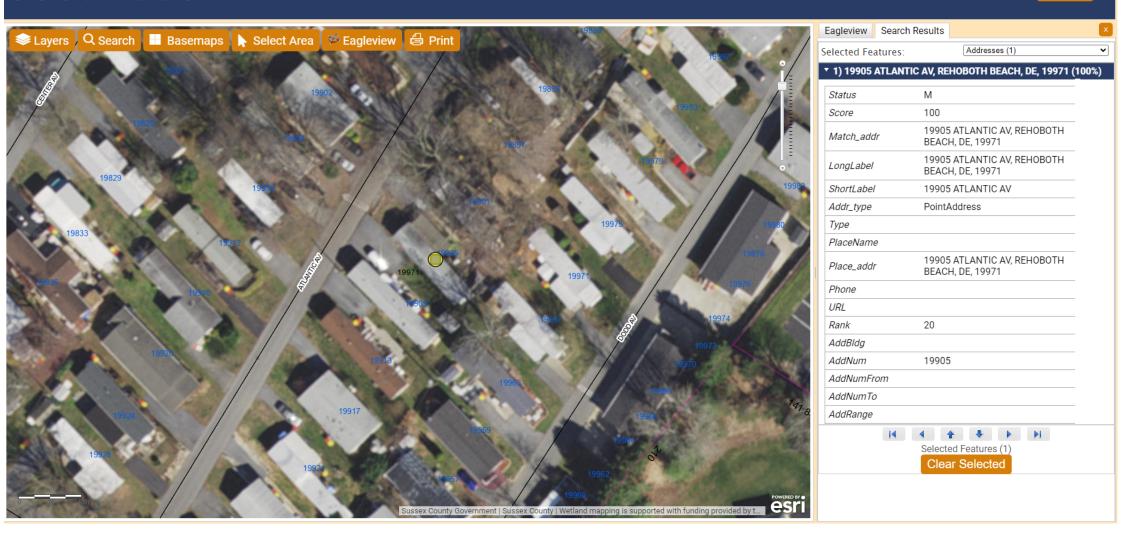
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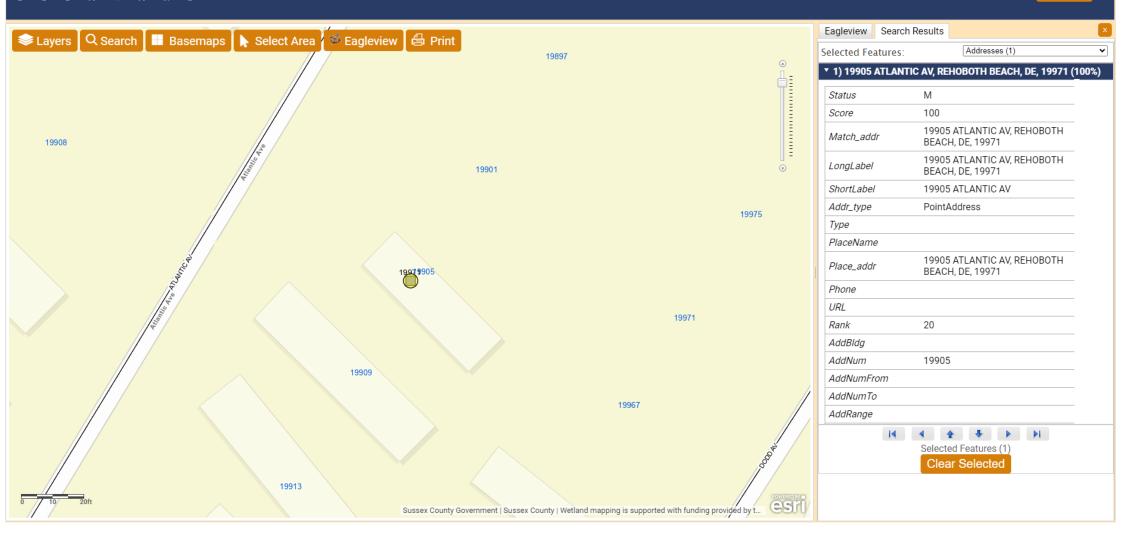
- 1. Uniqueness of the property:
- That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.
- 1-2 The uniquely narrow dimensions of this lot create exceptional practical difficulty for the build out of this lot. The community and lots were laid out in the 1950's and 1960's prior to the current county requirements for separation distances. The homeowners would like to add a modest enclosed addition/3 season room that is consistent with other additions within the community. The board has previously approved a separation distance of 18.1' from the neighboring AC and 21.2' from the neighboring dwelling; the residents are only seeking an effective 6' deviation from the previous approval. The proposed structure will leave a 15'0 clearance from the neighboring dwelling which is considerably larger than many other structures within the community.
- 2. Cannot otherwise be developed:
- That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance us therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.
- 1-2: Due to the uniqueness of the property, the requested addition cannot be placed in strict accordance with Sussex County Zoning Code. A small grievance of just 5' between dwellings and less than 8' between dwelling and neighboring AC will enable reasonable use of the property. Reasonable, by definition, is defined as being fair and moderate. This small adjustment of just 6' to the previously afforded variance is both fair and moderate and the homeowner's desire to have a small addition similar to others within the community is both a reasonable and an appropriate request.
- 3. Not created by the applicant:
- That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.
- 1-2: The exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the applicant but rather by the unique narrowness of the lot, the lots small dimensional size, and the previous buildup of the surrounding areas. The homeowner's desire to have a small and modest room addition resembles the desire of many others within the community. If memory serves, the unit that was previously at this address had a small addition as well. And, on this block alone, at least eight of the other homes have an addition or room of some sort. If this lot had been developed in modern day with the lot size requirements that the county has in effect now, the homeowner would be able to build a much larger room than that proposed without need for variance. Thus, the practical difficulty is related to and created by the lots small and narrow dimensions, and the happenstance of subsequent zoning regulations applied to it.

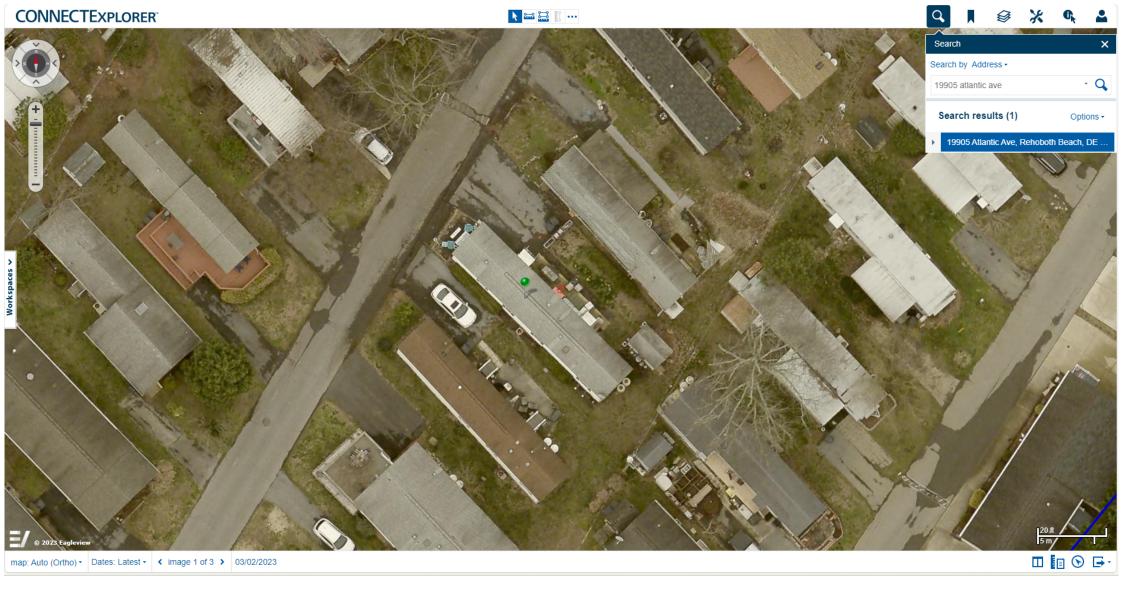
- 4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:
- 1-2: That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare. As mentioned previously, it is commonplace both within the larger community and with this particular block of the community for homeowners to build decks, additions, rooms, and the like in order to enable the reasonable use and enjoyment of the lot.
- 5. Minimum Variance:
- That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.
- 1-2: The variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and the
 variances requested represent the least modifications to the previously granted variance
 approval. The homeowners are seeking a simple six feet of grace in order to ensure a
 reasonable 15' of separation between dwellings.











BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

IN RE: SEA AIR VILLAGE

(Case No. 12878)

A hearing was held after due notice on November 6, 2023. The Board members present were: Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Jeffrey Chorman, Mr. John T. Hastings, Mr. Jordan Warfel, and Mr. John Williamson.

Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for variances from the separation distance requirements for proposed structures.

Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is requesting the following variances:

- 1. A variance of 1.5 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing HVAC on Lot F11 for the proposed landing;
- 2. A variance of 12.5 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing oil enclosure on Lot G14 for the proposed shed;
- 3. A variance of 9.5 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing manufactured home on Lot G14 for the proposed shed;
- 4. A variance of 4.5 feet from the ten (10) feet separation distance requirement between accessory structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot G14 for the proposed shed;
- 5. A variance of 10.2 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing oil enclosure on Lot G14 for the proposed manufactured home;
- 6. A variance of 16.4 feet from the twenty (20) feet. separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot G14 for the proposed manufactured home;
- 7. A variance of 12.5 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot G14 for the proposed manufactured home;
- 8. A variance of 12.4 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot G14 for the proposed manufactured home;
- 9. A variance of 9.8 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing shed on Lot F11 for the proposed manufactured home; and
- 10. A variance of 2 feet from the twenty (20) feet separation distance requirement between structures in a manufactured home park from the existing landing on Lot F11 for the proposed HVAC unit.

This application pertains to certain real property located on the southeast side of Atlantic Avenue, Lot F13, within the Sea Air Village Manufactured Home Park (911 Address: 19905 Atlantic Avenue, Rehoboth Beach) said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Number: 334-13.00-310.00-3156 ("the Property"). After a public hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, a site plan dated September 18, 2023, an aerial photograph of the Property, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Office of Planning & Zoning received no correspondence in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 3. The Board found that Aimee Bennett was sworn in to testify about the Application.
- 4. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the existing unit on this site was demolished before the survey was completed but the unit that was previously on the Property was a single-wide with a double-wide attached or with an extension that doubled the square footage attached to it.
- 5. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that, even though it seems like a lot of variance requests at the rear, it is a vast improvement over what was there previously.
- 6. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the previous unit was a 1976 model that was in ill repair.
- 7. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Property is unique in that it is narrower in comparison to the modern size manufactured home.
- 8. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that, in order to place the home on the lot, the variances are necessary and the Applicant would be unable to develop the lot without the variances.
- 9. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the Applicant but rather the encroachments from the surrounding lots.
- 10. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the difficulty is caused because this particular lot is shallow and the nearby lots are built out.
- 11. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant does not anticipate that these requests will alter the character of the neighborhood, at least not in any ill-fated way.
- 12. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that both of the neighbors are happy to have a new home coming as it is a welcome improvement compared to what was there.
- 13. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that these variances are the minimum variances required to afford relief and the least modifications to the regulations at issue.
- 14. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the Applicant has not placed the proposed home yet.
- 15. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the landing near Atlantic Avenue is larger because the buyer that is lined up requested a sliding door.
- 16. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that it is a fuel tank on Lot 14 and not a full enclosure.
- 17. The Board found that Ms. Bennett testified that the neighboring lots have some of the oldest homes in the community.
- 18. The Board found that no one appeared in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 19. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board found credible, persuasive, and unrebutted, the Board determined that the application met the standards for granting a variance. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application.
 - a. The Property is unique as it is a small and narrow lot laid out prior to the enactment of the Sussex County Zoning Code. The lot consists of only 3,783 square feet and is 39.97 feet wide. The lot is also adjacent to lots which are improved by houses and related structures and the shed on the rear of Lot G-14 significantly encroach onto the Property over the shared

property line. The lot is required to meet separation distance requirements for structures within the park but the Applicant is unable to place a reasonably sized home with related structures on the lot while meeting all setback requirements. The effect of the placement of the structures on the adjacent lots combined with the already small size of the lot have led to an exceptionally small building envelope. These conditions have created an exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship for the Applicant who seeks to place a dwelling and related structures on the Property but cannot do so in compliance with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The situation is unique because neighboring homes have been placed on other lots and the Applicant has no control over the placement of those homes and structures.

- b. The unnecessary hardship and exceptional practical difficulty are not being created by the provisions of the Sussex County Zoning Code.
- c. Due to the uniqueness of the Property and the placement of the structures on a neighboring lot, the Property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Applicant proposes to place a dwelling and related structures on the lot but is unable to do so without violating the separation distance requirements between structures in a mobile home park requirement. The variances are thus necessary to enable reasonable use of the Property. The Board is convinced that the shape and location of the dwelling and related structures are also reasonable (which is confirmed when reviewing the survey).
- d. The exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship were not created by the Applicant. The Applicant did not create the size of the lot or place the structures on the neighboring property thereby restricting the building envelope on the Property. This building envelope is further limited due to the small size of the lot. The unique conditions of the Property and the development of the adjacent lot have created an exceptional practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship for the Applicant who seeks to place a reasonably sized home and related structures on the lot.
- e. The variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare. The Board is convinced that the dwelling and related structures will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood. The Board notes that no complaints were noted in the record about the proposed dwelling and related structures and no evidence was presented which would indicate that the variances would somehow alter the essential character of the neighborhood or be detrimental to the public welfare. The Board also notes that the home will be located in a similar location, albeit more in compliance with the Code, as a prior home that was recently removed.
- f. The variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and the variances requested represent the least modifications possible of the regulations at issue. The Applicant has demonstrated that the variances sought will allow the Applicant to construct a reasonably sized dwelling and related structures on the lot. The Board notes that the dwelling is a reasonably sized manufactured home. The Applicant has demonstrated that it has worked with its manufacturer to secure a home that minimizes the need for a variance.
- g. The condition or situation of the Property and the intended use of the Property is not of so general or recurring a nature as to make reasonably practicable the formulation of a general regulation to be adopted as an amendment to the Sussex County Zoning Code.

The Board granted the variance application finding that it met the standards for granting a variance.

Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the variance application was approved. The Board Members in favor of the motion to approve were Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Jeffrey Chorman, Mr. Travis Hastings, Mr. Jordan Warfel, and Mr. John Williamson. No Board Member voted against the Motion to approve the variance application.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

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Jeffrey Chorman Chair

If the use is not established within two (2) years from the date below the application becomes void.

Date January 8, 2024

Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Case # 12939	
Hearing Date	20,2024
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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 34582 DALSEY RD FRANK Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	FORD, DE 19945
SPECIAL USE EXCEPTION	FOR
COMMERCIAL DOG KEN Tax Map #: 533-6.00-125.00	Property Zoning: AR-L
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: HEATHER OSBORNE Applicant Address: 34582 DALSEY RD City RANKFORD State Zip:	9915 BOSSIEDALICARE MEGINAL
Owner Information	DOSGLE DAY 17@ grait. Co
Owner Name: 1582 DASSY RD City State DE Zip: 15 Owner Phone #: 302)5198444 Owner e-mail:	PURCLEAR Purchase Date: 2002 DOSGIEDANTO GAMAILAC
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Special Use Exception: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.

2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations - 5 year maximum)

Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

Y See Attached Documents



Doggie Daycare, LLC 34582 Daisey Rd Frankford, DE 19945 (302)519-8444

April 1,2024

To whom this may Concern,

In Regards to Application for Special Ise Exception Questions

- If granted a Special Use Exception for a Commercial Dog Kennel, our adjacent and neighboring properties will not be substantially affected. Taking in to consideration that Doggie Daycare has been open since 2017, with no complaints or concerns, I believe we can continue to stay open without any negative affects upon our neighbors.
- 2. I am applying for a 5 year limit for a Special Use Exception for a Commercial Dog Kennel. I currently have a valid Business License, and active LLC. A DelDot Service Level Evaluation Request has been applied for in order to have our property Rezoned C3. In May of 2019, our application was approved for 5 years. All guidelines and restrictions have been followed since this determination.

Doggie Daycare, LLC 34582 Daisey Rd Frankford, DE 19945 (302)519-8444

April 1,2024

Doggie Daycare, LLC has been providing a service to our community for 7 years. It is a pleasure to have my customers put their animals care in my hands. I have regular groups of dogs that come for daycare and boarding throughout the year. Some of my customers bring their pets once a week, and some bring them as much as five times a week. I have even cared for dogs for as many as three months, at one time. This is just one of many reasons I believe my business is an asset to our area.

The business license, insurance and taxes have been consistently renewed and paid. Rules and Regulations brought by the Board in 2019, have all been followed.

I am grateful to have a thriving business, where I would consider my customers friends and family. With new residents coming to our area, I expect that my service will be even more desired in the near future.

At this time, I would also like to explain the reason for applying one day out of expiration. On March 1,2024, the renewal letter was mailed to our location. We were out of the country until March 10,2024. On March 19,2024, my husband had an operation at Penn University, leaving us out of town for another 4 days. My plan was to apply for Rezoning to C3, once we returned from the hospital. Upon returning and looking into a Rezone, I did not realize that it would take 4-6 weeks to get a response from DelDot. I plan to continue the Rezone process. I am hoping this will not affect my application for renewal.

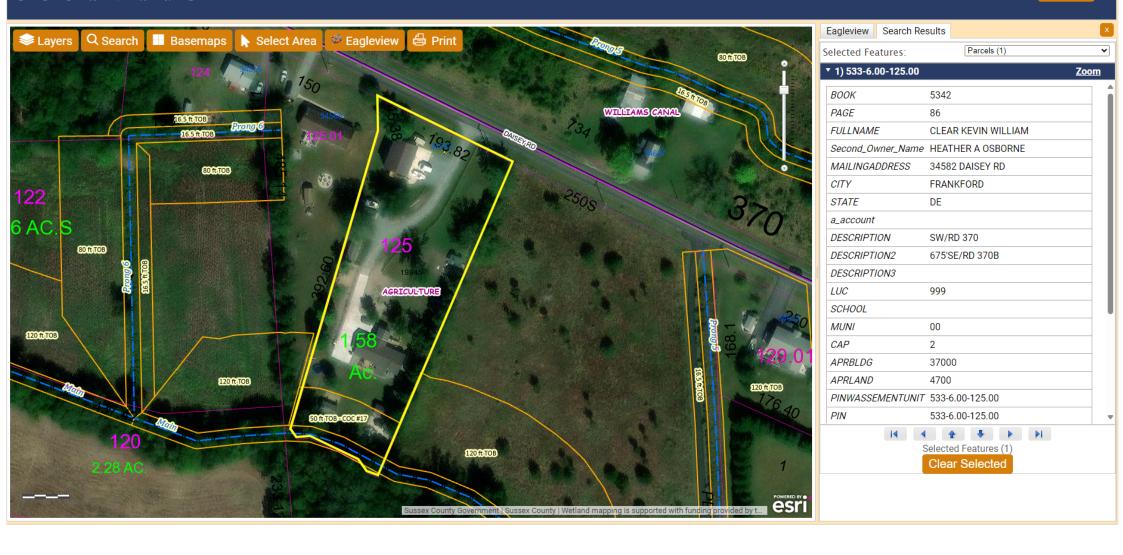
Thank you for your consideration.



BIUE MARKS EXISTING KENNEL & PLAY AREA

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

IN RE: KEVIN W. CLEAR

(Case No. 12260)

A hearing was held after due notice on January 28, 2019. The Board members present were: Mr. Dale Callaway, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. Bruce Mears, Mr. John Mills, and Mr. Brent Workman.

Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for variances from the front yard and side yard setback requirements for existing structures.

Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is seeking a variance of 1.9 feet from the forty (40) feet front yard setback requirement for a pole building and a variance of 1.7 feet from the five (5) feet side yard setback requirement on the southeast side for an existing shed. This application pertains to certain real property located on the south side of Daisey Road approximately 746 feet east of Honeysuckle Road (911 Address: 34582 Daisey Road, Frankford) said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Number 5-33-6.00-125.00.

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, a survey of the property dated November 15, 2018, a building permit application, an aerial photograph of the Property, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Office of Planning & Zoning received no correspondence in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 3. The Board found that Kevin Clear was sworn in to testify about the Application.
- 4. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that he hired a builder to construct a pole building. The builder staked the Property but then went out of business. He then hired another company to complete the pole building and that company built based on the layout by the original company. After construction was completed, the encroachment into the front yard setback area was discovered
- 5. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that there was previously a 100 year old building on the site where the pole building was constructed. The older building was only 17 feet from the front property line.
- 6. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the neighbors support the Application and he has received no complaints about the building.
- 7. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the Property is unique because it is long and narrow.
- 8. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the Property could not otherwise be developed as the septic system is on the other side of driveway.
- 9. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the Applicant as he relied on the company he hired to follow setbacks.
- 10. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the variance will not alter the character of the neighborhood as pole building already exists.
- 11. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the shed will be moved into compliance with the Code so no side yard variance is needed.
- 12. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that the variance requested is the minimum variance to afford relief.
- 13. The Board found that Mr. Clear testified that there is approximately 12 feet from the front property line to the edge of paving.
- 14. The Board found that two (2) parties appeared in support of and no one in opposition to the Application.

- 15. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board found credible, persuasive, and unrebutted, the Board determined that the application for the variance for the pole building met the standards for granting a variance. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application for the variances for that structure.
 - a. The Property is unique due to its size and shape. The Property is long and narrow. These unique characteristics of this Property limit the buildable area available to the Applicant and have created an exceptional practical difficulty for the Applicant who seeks to retain an existing pole building on the lot. The Board also notes that the location of the septic system within the building envelope further limits the developable area of the lot.
 - b. Due to the uniqueness of the lot, the Property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Property has a unique size and the buildable area thereof is limited due to its size, shape, and location of the septic system. The Applicant seeks to retain an existing pole building on the lot but is unable to do so without violating the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Board is convinced that the variance is necessary to enable the reasonable use of the Property as the variance will allow a reasonably sized existing pole building to remain on the lot. The Board is convinced that the shape and location of this structure is also reasonable, which is confirmed when reviewing the survey provided by the Applicant.
 - c. The exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the Applicant. The Applicant did not create the unusual size and shape of the Property. These conditions have resulted in a limited building envelope on the Property and the small building envelope has created the exceptional practical difficulty. The narrow building envelope was further limited by the location of the septic system. The unique characteristics of the Property are clear when reviewing the survey. The Board is convinced that the exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the Applicant but was created by the lot's unique characteristics. The Board also notes that the Applicant relied on a builder to construct the pole building in compliance with the Code only to later discover the error.
 - d. The variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare. The Board is convinced that the pole building will have no effect on the character of the neighborhood. The pole building replaced a prior structure which had been on the Property for approximately 100 years and the pole building is located farther from the road than the prior building. The Board notes that there were no complaints noted complaints in the record about either structure. Furthermore, no evidence was presented that the variance would somehow alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The lack of evidence is telling since, if the pole building had somehow altered the essential character of the neighborhood, the Board would expect some evidence thereof. The Board also notes that there is approximately 12 feet from the front property line to the edge of paving of Daisey Road so the encroachment into the setback area is likely difficult to notice without a survey.
 - e. The variance sought is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief and the variance requested represents the least modification possible of the regulation at issue. The Applicant has demonstrated that the variance

sought will allow the Applicant to retain an existing pole building. No additions or modifications to the existing pole building are proposed.

The Board approved the variance application for the pole building finding that it met the standards for granting a variance.

Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the variance application for the pole building was approved. The Board Members in favor of the motion to approve were Mr. Dale Callaway, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. Bruce Mears, Mr. John Mills, and Mr. Brent Workman. No Board Member voted against the Motion to approve the variance application.

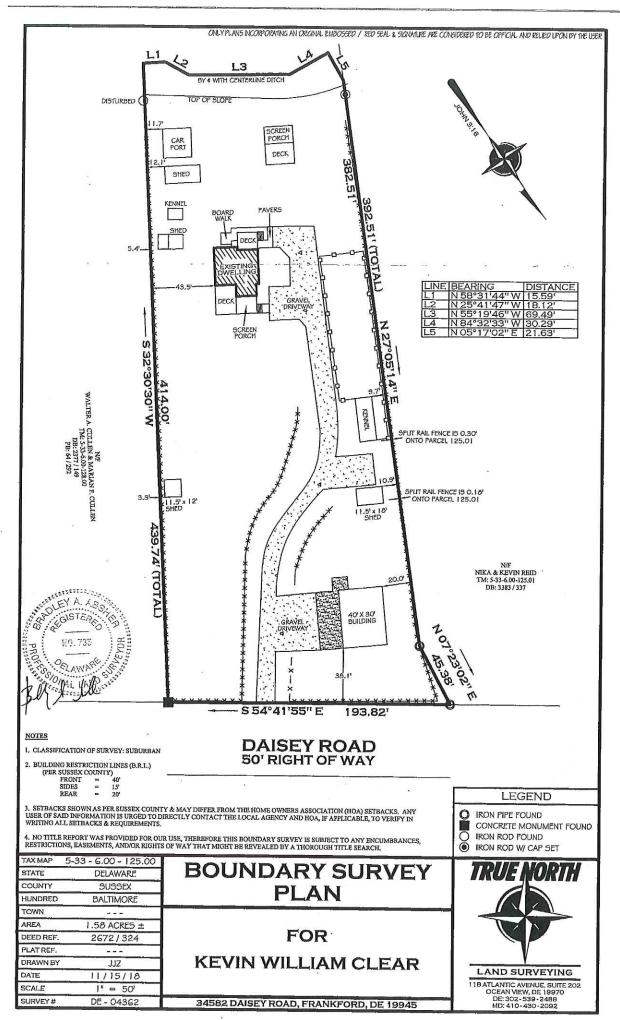
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

OF SUSSEX COUNTY

John Mills Chairman

If the use is not established within two (2) years from the date below the application becomes void.

Date March 5, 2019



BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

IN RE: HEATHER OSBORNE

(Case No. 12307)

A hearing was held after due notice on May 20, 2019. The Board members present were: Mr. Dale Callaway, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. John Mills, Mr. John Williamson, and Mr. Brent Workman.

Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for a special use exception to operate a commercial dog kennel.

Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is requesting a special use exception for a commercial kennel. This application pertains to certain real property located on the south side of Daisey Road approximately 746 feet east of Honeysuckle Road (911 Address: 34582 Daisey Road, Frankford) said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Number 5-33-6.00-125.00. After a hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, a letter from the Applicant, Findings of Fact for Case No. 12260, a survey of the Property dated November 15, 2018, an aerial photograph of the Property, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Office of Planning and Zoning received one letter in support of and no correspondence in opposition to the Application.
- 3. The Board found that Heather Osborne was sworn in to give testimony about the Application.
- 4. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that she has operated her commercial dog kennel for approximately two years and she was unaware that she needed a special use exception to operate a commercial kennel as she is licensed with the business licensing board.
- 5. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that neighbors support the Application. One neighbor even uses the service. She received a letter of support from one neighbor and the neighbor to the west has told Ms. Osborne that she does not have any complaints about the kennel.
- 6. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that the hours of operation are 7 a.m. 6 p.m. but she does offer overnight boarding as well.
- 7. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that there are typically 8 dogs total on the Property; 3 of which are the Applicant's own dogs.
- 8. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that there have been no noise complaints and that there are no odors emanating from the site.
- 9. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that there is adequate parking.
- 10. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that there are no employees.
- 11. The Board found that Ms. Osborne testified that the commercial kennel will not substantially affect adversely the uses of neighboring and adjacent properties
- 12. The Board found that Paul Rieger appeared in opposition to the Application. He expressed concerns about the 200 feet setback requirement.
- 13. The Board found that two parties appeared in support of the Application.
- 14. The Board found that one party appeared in opposition to the Application.
- 15. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board found weighed and considered, the Board determined that the application met the standards for granting a special use exception because the commercial dog kennel will not

substantially affect adversely the uses of neighboring and adjacent properties. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application.

- a. The Applicant has operated a commercial dog kennel on the Property for approximately two (2) years and has not received any complaints from neighbors. One neighbor even uses the service.
- b. The number of dogs served at the kennel is limited and reasonable. The Applicant only serves up to 8-15 dogs. Three of those dogs are owned by the Applicant.
- c. The opposition presented no evidence of how the kennel would substantially affect adversely the uses of neighboring and adjacent properties. Rather, the Board received evidence that the immediate neighbors support the Application.
- d. The Applicant lives on the Property and she has direct control over the kennel operations and can address any minor noise issues that may come from barking dogs at the kennel.
- e. There is no clear evidence that the use of the property as a kennel will have a substantial, adverse effect on the uses of neighboring or adjacent properties. There was not credible testimony that the use will have an adverse impact upon property values, or specific credible examples that the use will impair the use of surrounding properties.
- f. There was no evidence that the kennel would result in issues with odors, traffic, lighting, noise, or emissions.
- g. The special use exception was approved for a period of five (5) years.

The Board granted the special use exception application for a period of five (5) years finding that it met the standards for granting a special use exception.

Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the special use exception application was approved for a period of five (5) years. The Board Members in favor of the motion to approve were Mr. Dale Callaway, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. John Mills, Mr. John Williamson, and Mr. Brent Workman. No Board Member voted against the Motion to approve the special use exception application.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Mills Chairman

If the use is not established within two (2) years from the date below the application becomes void.

Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Case # BANO 12940
Hearing Date 5-20-20240
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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING	
Variance ✓ Special Use Exception ☐ Administrative Variance ☐ Appeal ☐	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)	
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 30852 White Oak Road, Dagsboro DE, 19939		
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:		
Variance in the amount of 5 feet from the 15 feet side yard dwelling to be located 10 feet from the side yard property Ordinance, Sections 115-20, 115-25, 115-183, 115-184, 1	line. Sussex County Zoning	
Tax Map #: 134-6.00-43.00	Property Zoning: AR-1	
Applicant Information		
Applicant Name: William D. Abel & Vicki L. Abel	,	
Applicant Address: 10485 Enfield Rd.		
City Felton State PA Zip: 17		
Applicant Phone #: (717) 870-5909 Applicant e-m	ail: vickia1976@gmail.com	
Owner Information		
Owner Name: William D. Abel & Vicki L. Abel		
Owner Address: 10485 Enfield Rd.		
City Felton State PA Zip: 17		
Owner Phone #: (717) 870-5909 Owner e-mail	vickia1976@gmail.com	
Agent/Attorney Information		
Agent/Attorney Name: Saul Ewing LLP c/o Mackenzie Pee	t, Esquire	
Agent/Attorney Address: 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 2300		
City Wilmington State DE Zip: 19801		
Agent/Attorney Phone #: (302) 421-6826 Agent/Attorne	ey e-mail: mackenzie.peet@saul.com	
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney		
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

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1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

The property's buildable area is limited due to unique conditions. These conditions include the presence of an existing driveway and garage, a septic system in the rear yard, and a well house in the front yard.

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

Due to the unique conditions, strict conformity with the Code is not possible. As a result of the unique conditions, the proposed home will be situated in a location that closely aligns with the previous home's placement.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

Such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the applicant. The existing unique conditions that limit the developable area were created by the prior owner's improvements (existing driveway & garage, septic and well placement) as well as the applicant's professionals' misunderstanding of the applicability of the Small Lots Ordinance to the property.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

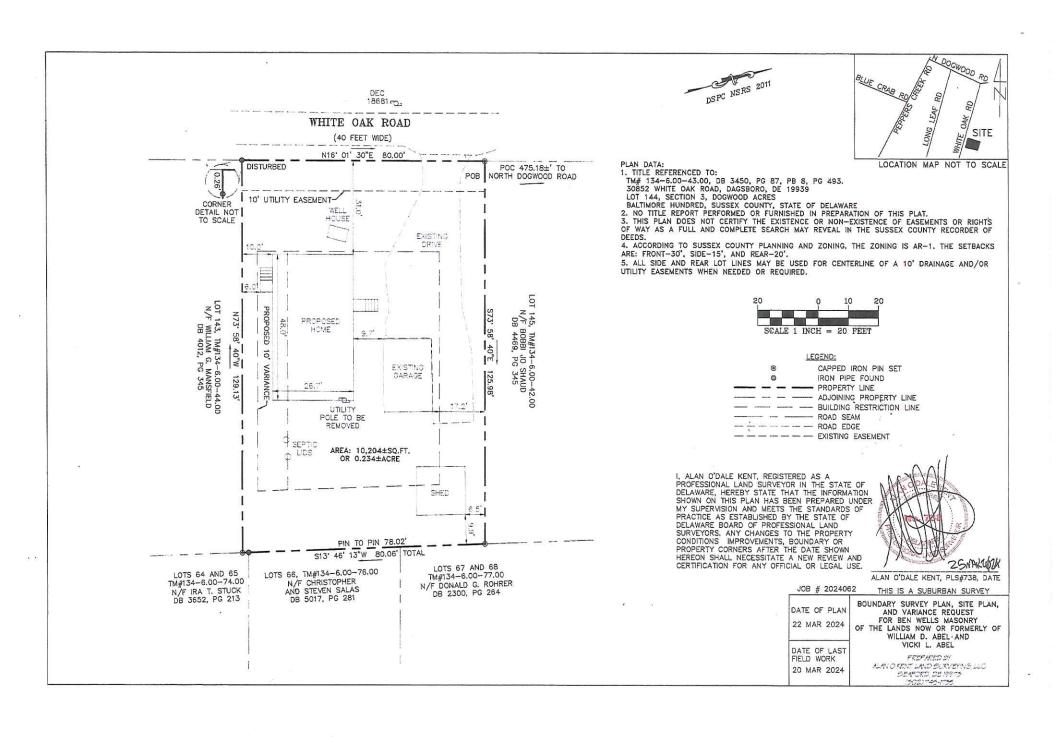
That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

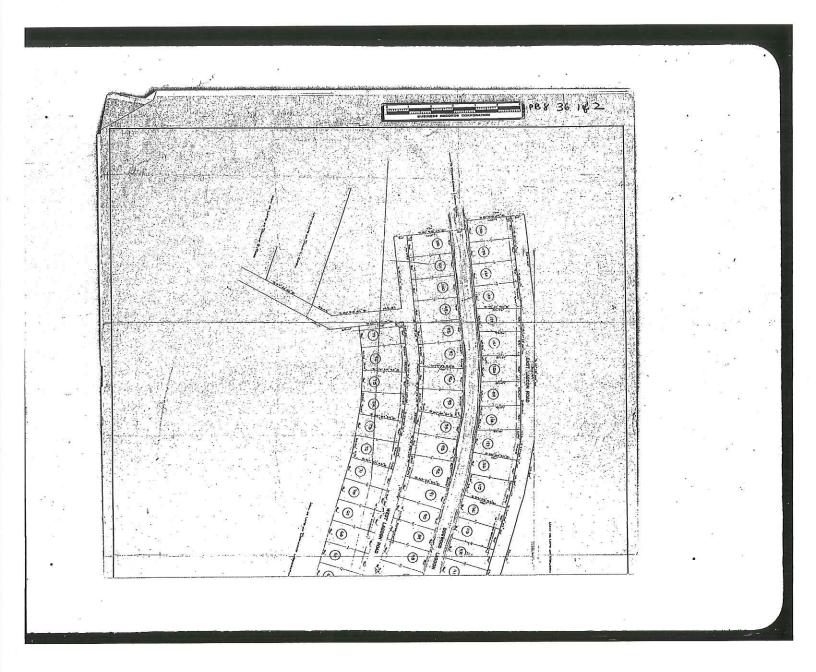
The placement of the home in approximately same location as the prior home will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. To the contrary, the location of the home in approximately the same location is consistent with the historical condition of the property.

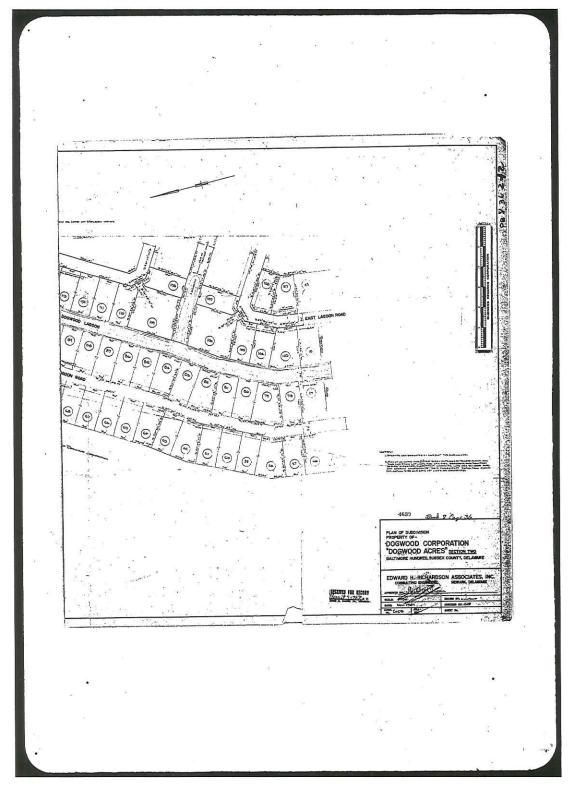
5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

The requested variance represents the minimum variance required to provide the necessary relief, as the existing conditions on site make it the only location that will allow for the functional use and maintenance of the property.







Property Search

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PARID: 134-6.00-43.00 ABEL WILLIAM D

30852 WHITE OAK RD

Property Information

Property Location:

Unit:

City: State:

Zip: Class:

> Use Code (LUC): Town Tax District:

School District:
Fire District:
Deeded Acres:
Frontage:
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Plot Book Page:

100% Land Value: 100% Improvement Value 100% Total Value 30852 WHITE OAK RD

DAGSBORO DE 19939

RES-Residential

RT-RESIDENTIAL MH ON OWN LAND

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Legal

Legal Description

DOGWOOD ACRES

LOT 144 SEC 3

Owners

Owner
ABEL WILLIAM D

Co-owner VICKI LABEL Address 10485 ENFIELD RD City FELTON State

Zip 17322

Sales

Sale Date 05/16/2007 07/21/2000 Book/Page 3450/87 Sale Price \$137,000.00 \$40,000.00 \$2,055.00 \$600.00 Parcels Sold
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Grantee/Buyer

Owner History

Tax Year:	Owner:	Co-owner	Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	Deed Book/Page:
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SHED-DOGWOOD AC.LOT 144BK.3

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RETURN TO: William D. Abel Vicki L. Abel 10485 Enfield Road Felton, PA 17322

TAX MAP: 1-34-6-43

PREPARED BY: D. Stephen Parsons, P.A.

P.O. Box 480

Ocean View, DE 19970 File No. 28316ke/mmo

THIS DEED, made this // TH day of May, 2007,

- BETWEEN -

RAY R. STICHLER and SUSAN W. STICHLER, his wife, of 9 Trout Lake Lane, Grantville, PA 17028, parties of the first part,

- AND -

WILLIAM D. ABEL and VICKI L. ABEL, his wife, of 10485 Enfield Road, Felton, PA 17322, parties of the second part, as tenants by the entirety.

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR and 00/100 (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the parties of the second part:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, Known and designated as LOT NO. 144, SECTION 3, DOGWOOD ACRES, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner of Lot No. 66 of Dogwood Acres which plot is of record in Plot Book 8, at Page 36; thence North 57° 10' 46" West for a distance of 129.16 feet to the right of way line of White Oak Drive; thence by and with White Oak Drive North 32° 49' 14" East for a distance of 80 feet to a point; thence South 57° 10' 46" East for a distance of 126.5 feet plus or minus to a point in the rear boundary line of Lot No. 67 of Section 2, Dogwood Acres; thence South 30° 34' 07" West for a distance of 80 feet home to the place of beginning.

BEING the same lands conveyed to Ray R. Stichler and Susan W. Stichler, his wife, by Deed of Charles Edward Stone, Sr., and Helen Ada Stone, his wife, said Deed dated July 21, 2000, and filed for record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in Sussex County, Delaware, in Deed Book 2506, Page 160.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

Ray R. Stichler

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Susan W. Stichler

STATE OF DELAWARE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX: to-wit

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 1174 day of May, 2007, personally came before me, the subscriber, Ray R. Stichler and Susan W. Stichler, his wife, parties of the first part to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Indenture to be their act and deed.

Given under my Hand and Seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

STATE OF DELAWARE
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Notary Public

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ABEL PROPERTY IMAGES



Image 1. Abel Property – Current Condition



Image 2. Prior Condition

Abel - Aerial - Prior Condition



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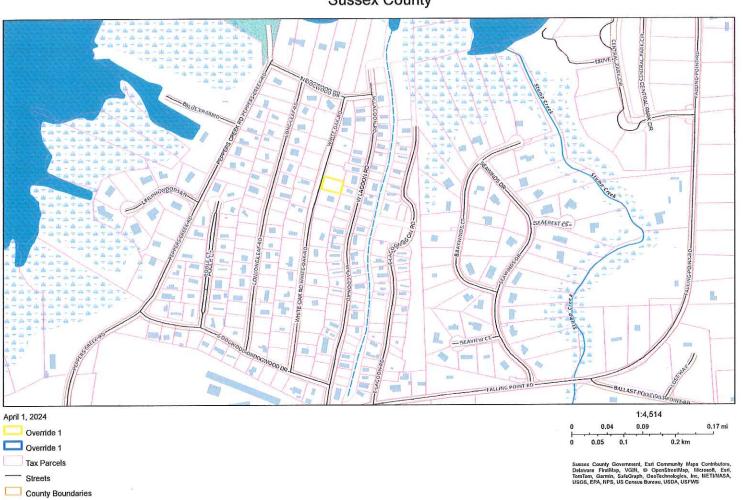
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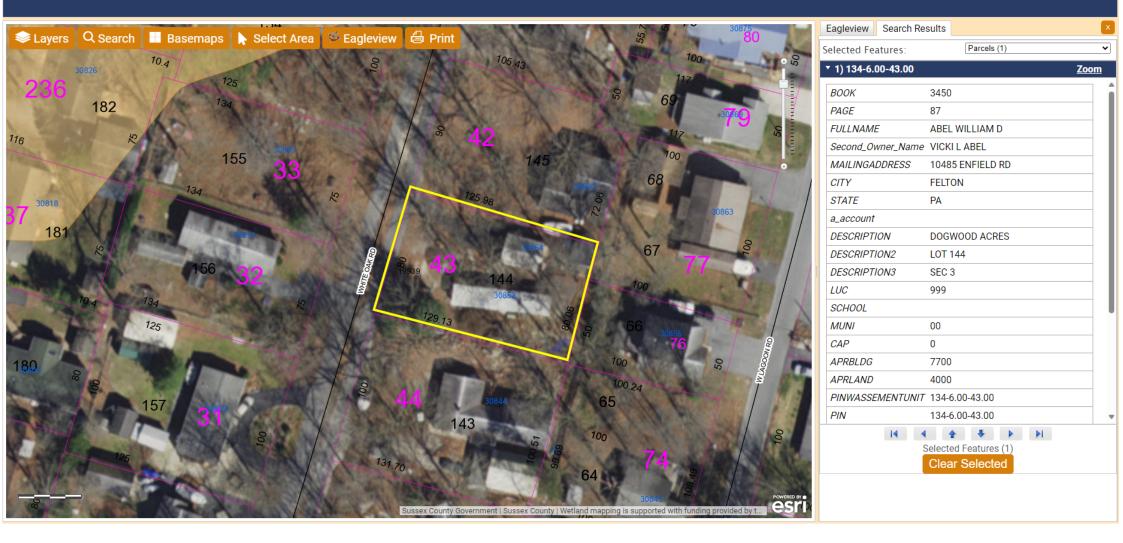
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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax Case # 12944
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SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

Type of Application: (please check all ap	oplicable)	PLANNING & ZONING
Variance ✓ Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	F	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Ex	ception:	
97 Tulip Drive Lewes, DE		
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal	Requested:	
Parking spaces from 113 to 76, waiver fr 30' to 10' on rear against residential, 20' building over setback per 115-182C in fr	to 10' on side agains	
Tax Map #: 335-11.00-93.00	F	Property Zoning: C-1
Applicant Information		
Applicant Name: Coastline Properties LL	C c/o Scott Lednum	
Applicant Address: 36818 Bayside Drive		
City Fenwick Island State De	Zip: 1994	
Applicant Phone #: (302) 381-9247	Applicant e-mai	l:
Owner Information		
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Owner Name: Coastline Properties LLC		_
Owner Address: 36818 Bayside Drive	7: 100	
City Fenwick Island State DE	Zip: <u>199</u>	44 Purchase Date:
Owner Phone #: (302) 381-9247	Owner e-mail:	
Agent/Attorney Information		
Agent/Attorney Name: Plitko LLC, Eng	ineering	
Agent/Attorney Address: 53 Atlantic Ave		
City Ocean View State De	Zip: 1997	0
Agent/Attorney Phone #: (302) 537-1919		e-mail: will@plitko.com
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

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Existing buildings on-site that are currently open and have been in business for many years. The need to limit the disturbance to these businesses while creating a better flow to the property and new opportunities to the site. The State has taken frontage over the years to make upgrades to the intersection along Route1 and taken away area that would be for parking and buffer. There is a grass area between property line now.

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

Due to the existing conditions and requirements for the number of parking spaces and emergency access, without the variances, the property could not be developed to what the owner hopes to bring and upgrade the site. Existing small businesses on-site looking to expand would suffer from not getting their desired amount of space.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

Due to the existing conditions out front and requirements for the number of parking spaces, and emergency access, without the variances, the ordinance makes it difficult to provide the request new space for two existing businesses who have been a pillar in the community for over 28 years.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

The additional retail spaces being proposed brings more opportunity for expansion and sales to the existing businesses who occupy this property currently. The properties use is for retail sales, service and manufacturing currently and will continue to be this. The new layout will provide for more retail area while also providing much needed parking, clear travel areas and better emergency access.

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

Reduction in parking is similar in percentage to that in the existing conditions. Currently the site has a deficiency in parking but does not have issues. The setback to the side is against a stormwater pond as stated previously. Moving the setback over 10' will not affect anything. The rear setback already consists of a fence to help shield the residential property that is 80 feet away. The existing front building is set over the setback currently. Asking for 115-182C on new.

Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Special Use Exception: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.

Side setback is against a pond with very little to no chance at future residential growth, to the North is commercial property and more retail traffic will drive business to the area. A fence currently separates the rear property to the residential house which also sits 80 plus feet away from that fence to the North East. The proposed plan would provide any improvements as deemed necessary to the fence. We could also add a 5'-8' planted buffer if the board deemed it helpful.

2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)

We understand and will comply with all requirements by Sussex County code if granted the special exceptions for parking, waiver on 20' planted buffer along the front in the CHOCOZ, building setbacks on rear and side against a residential district and the front yard building setback as it relates to 115-182C.

Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

As stated, the property has a front setback challenge based on Del DOT's taking of land over the years. In the existing conditions, most of the existing parking and travel lane are in the area where a 20' buffer would be. If required to put a 20' buffer in, there would not be enough room to place parking or a 2 way travel lane in the existing or proposed conditions. We would point out that there is existing green space between the road and our site currently. the side setback on the Five Points pond side has no impact on that property. The closest house sits over 225 feet from our site. The house to the rear sits over 80 plus feet behind the current separation fence and property line. Adding a new building 10' off that fence line is not going to effect that residence. The new retail building will actually clean up the look of the property as it will take away the outdoor granite display area and the stands that hold the slabs in place. In order to provide much needed travel lanes, emergency access and loading space on the property, the need to limit parking is necessary. The property has operated on a 33.33% parking deficiency for many years. proposed site will make it slightly better.

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SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

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PARKING DATA

EXISTING:

FURNITURE STORE - 12,000 SF.
CODE: 1 PER 400 SF. OF FLOOR SPACE 12,000 SF./400 = 30 SPACES REQ'D EXISTING CONDITIONS PROVIDED = 20 SPACES DEFICIENCY = 10 SPACES

GRANITE SHOP WITH 500 SF. OF RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE - 3,270 SF. TOTAL CODE: 1 PER 200 SF. OF SALES/RETAIL FLOOR PLUS 1 SPACE PER 2 EMPLOYEES 500 SF./200 = 3 SPACES REQ'D 4 EMPLOYEES = 2 SPACES REQ'D REQ'D SPACES = 5

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PROPOSED:

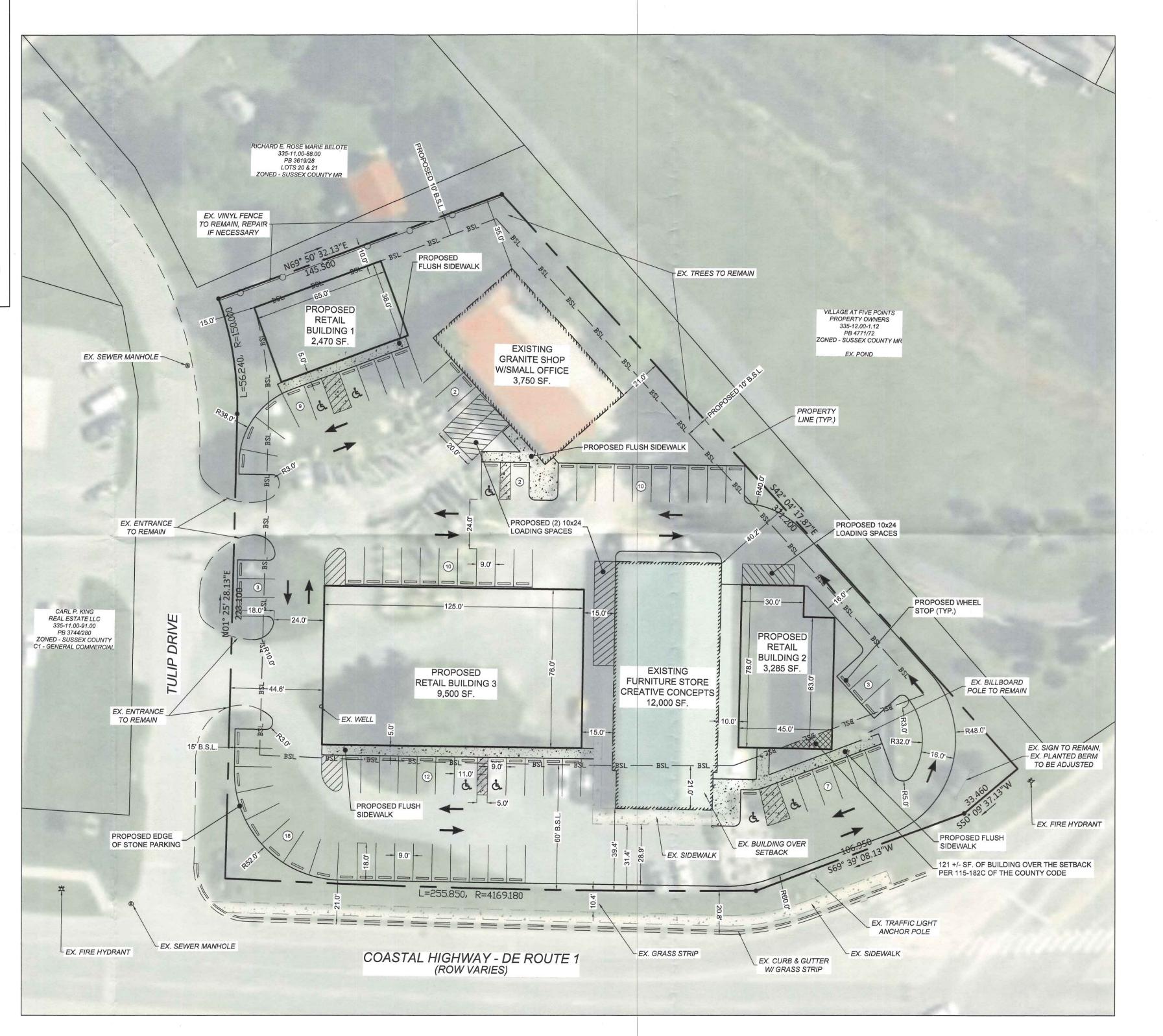
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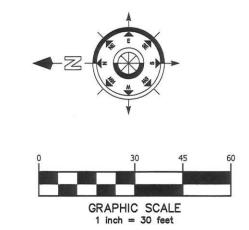
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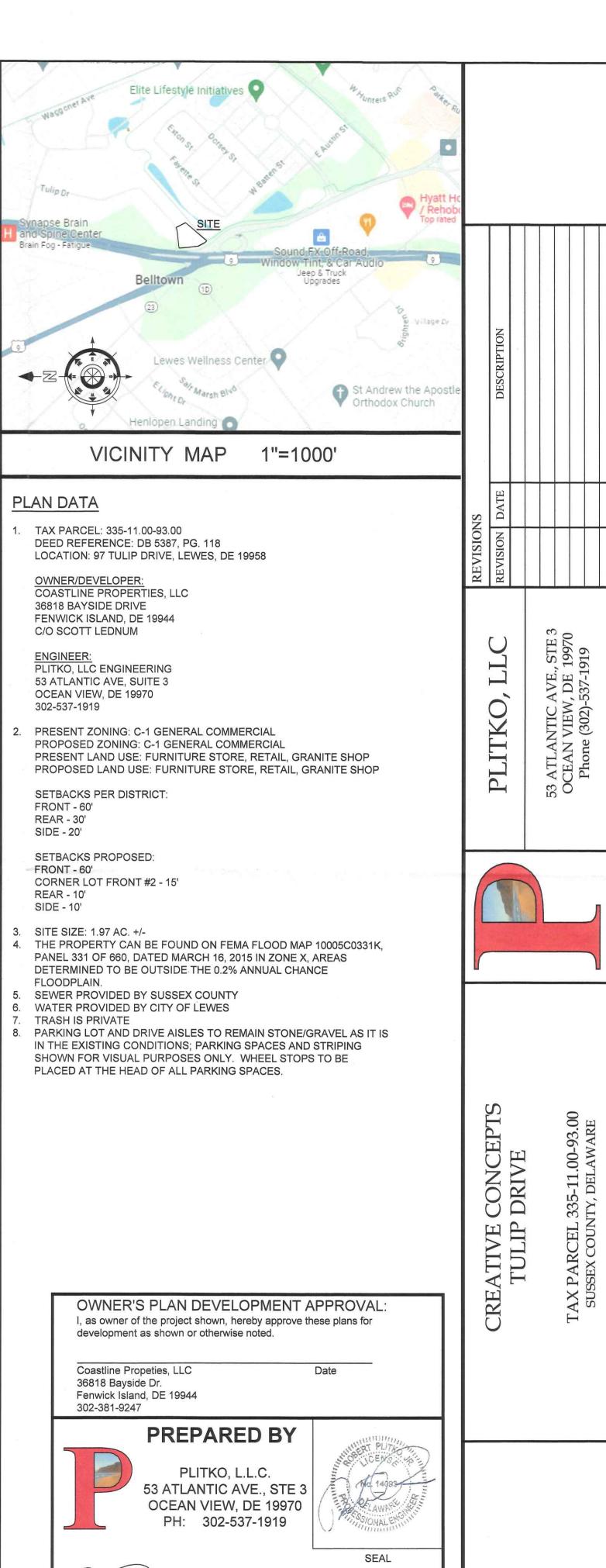
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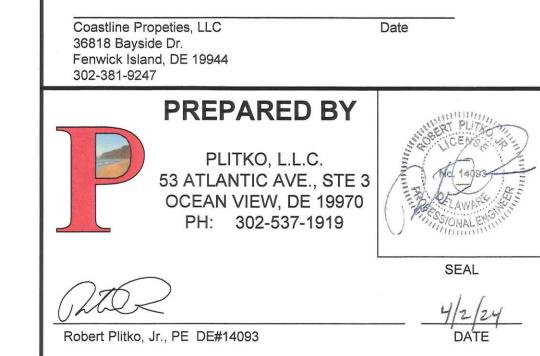
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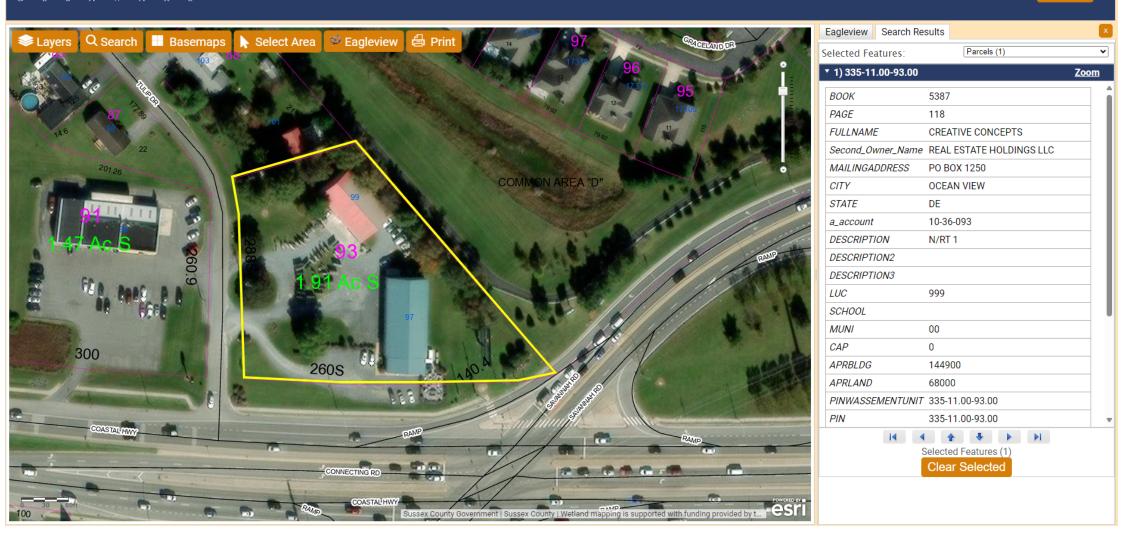






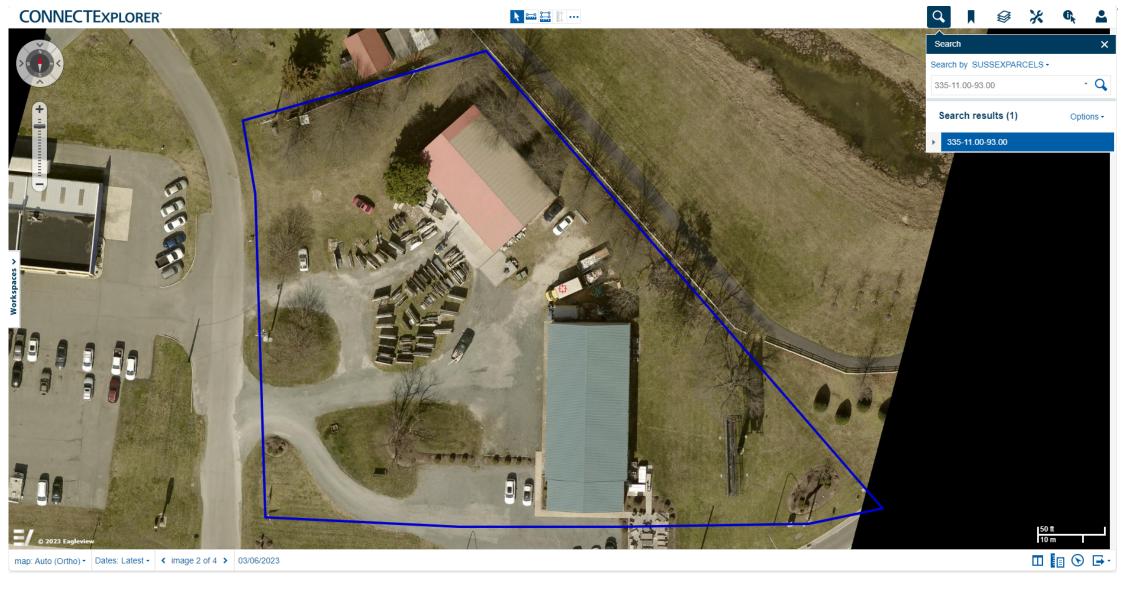
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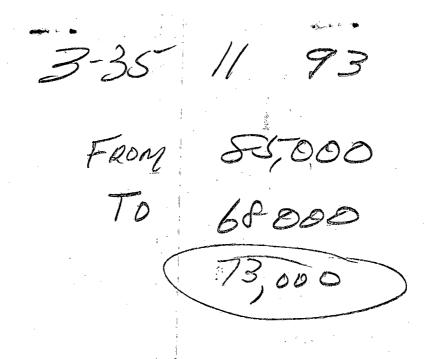
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